

# Newsletter

#### Issue 1

#### 11th September 2020

**Dear Parents/Carers** 

It has been wonderful to see all of the children back in school and the staff have been very positive about how quickly they have adapted back into school life.

From next week the building work will start and there will be even less space to park outside school. Thank you to you all for your patience and parking away from the cul-de-sac. It is so important that we are ever mindful of our children's safety.

Following government guidance about social distancing in no more than groups of six, we have decided to allow siblings into school at the same time from Monday. This should limit the need to wait around. In order to ensure that each child attends school for the legal amount of time, please bring your children at the earliest sibling time and collect at the latest sibling finish time. The staff will ensure your child comes to the pick-up point to be collected if it is outside of their own class time. Please remember that years 4,5 and 6 have a slightly different start and finish time from Monday.

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Reception	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 1	8.30am	2.45pm
Year 2	8.30am	2.45pm
Year 3	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 4	8.45am	3pm
Year 5	8.45am	3pm
Year 6	8.50am	3.05pm

This is all so new to everyone so we apologise for any changes we are having to make.

Breakfast club will be starting on Monday for any of the families that have pre-booked. We are now unable to take children to the club without pre-booking so please call the office if you would like a space.

If your child is self-isolating due to family members displaying symptoms of Covid19, please could you inform the office by 9am. The school will provide online learning for any child staying at home for self-isolating reasons. If your child is however too ill they are not expected to complete school work. There will be more information to follow about live lessons, but for the time being, work will remain being uploaded onto Showbie and Tapestry.

Again, in line with guidance, any resources that are used in school are either cleaned at the end of the day or put in quarantine for 72 hours. Therefore, if it is your child's birthday and you would like to bring in treats for the class they will be put in the teacher's cupboard for 72 hours and then given out to the class. We understand it may seem extreme but we must remain diligent.

As we are not allowed to mix class bubbles this has raised some barriers to our whole school collective worship and assembly time. I feel it is important that as a whole school community we still come together, as one, throughout the week. Some of these class assemblies will be pre-recorded ready to share with the whole school at a set time. The assemblies will only be for school use and not shared externally. Please could you contact the school office by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September next week if you would not like your child recorded for this purpose.

Many thanks for your continued support,

**Demelza Bolton** 

**Executive Headteacher** 

# Welcome back everyone and well done on a brilliant first week!

I would especially like to welcome our new families who have joined us in Reception Class, and our new joiners in other classes. I hope you have all enjoyed your first week with us at St. Mary's and we look forward to getting to know you and your children even more.

We would also like to welcome some new members of staff to our school. Mr Pete Langridge is our new Y1Teaching Assistant, Mrs Danielle Ditty is our new S.E.N. Teaching Assistant, Mr Mick Vigo is our new Caretaker and Mrs Zoe Thomason has taken on the role of Admin Assistant, with Mrs Suzannah Chapman now our Administrator. Thank you to all the staff for helping to make this first week a success. The children have all seemed very happy and settled into their routines.

Thank you for your support and positivity! Please come and see me at the gate or call if you have any concerns. Best wishes,

> Mrs. Draycott Head of School

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## Gospel Message for the week

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

God, help us to be kind today. Make our hearts tender and quick to forgive, always remembering that you've forgiven us first



Star of the Week Our stars will be announced in class next week.

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### **School Dinners**

A gentle reminder to Y3 parents that Universal Free School Meals stop at the end of Year 2.

The kitchen offer a variety of hot meals.

Please see our menu:-

st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/wemenu/306943

The cost is £2.20 which is payable via Parent

Please ask the school office if you need activation details:-

Would your child like to learn to play

guitar, violin, drums or

## piano?

Cornwall Music Service offer private lessons to pupils in school.

They are also happy to offer taster sessions.

If, after the taster session you wish to sign up for lessons, please go to www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org

for further information regarding costs.

Some instruments can be hired through the Cornwall Music Education Hub. Please go to www.cornwallmusiceducationhub.org for details, or ring 01872 323001.

Unfortunately, guitars cannot be hired.

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Please email the office if your child has any new allergies, or new dietary requirements.

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Reception class have had an amazing first week in school. All the children have made us so proud with their kindness to each other, amazing listening skills and thoughtfulness when exploring their new school. Mrs Titheridge is so proud of them all.









