



St Mary's of England Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter – Issue 3 – 25.09.2020



Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

School Diary Dates:



September:

23rd Year 5 individual/Sibling Photos
29th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

2nd Harvest 'Zoom' Assembly in Bubbles and Harvest 'celebrations' sent home
12-16th Parents Meetings via telephone or Zoom
23rd End of Term 1



Over the past few months, we've been trying to help stop the spread of coronavirus through washing our hands a lot more than usual. When we welcomed back each class this term, we thought about the world around us through the book,

tearfund

'Here We Are' and the importance of being kind and helping one another. For Harvest Festival this year, we have decided to raise money for the Tearfund charity to 'twin a tap' with one in another country. We are hoping to raise £60 to help a community to protect themselves from the virus by installing a tap to give them clean water. We would love it if you could bring in any donations of loose change to put in to a water bottle in each classroom. Thank you for your support! ☺

Please send your donations in with your child/children on Friday 2nd October, when your child will bring a Harvest Gift home to you.

Music Lessons

The music Service have informed us that they are not running group lessons in any schools at present due to the government guidelines around social distancing as well as cross bubble contamination. Many parents, in other schools, have opted for a possible mixed economy of delivery - face to face where possible, swapping to online should they or the instrumental teacher need to self-isolate. We do not have the technology in place at present for group lessons to take place on line which adds weight to our reasoning for offering 1 to 1 tuition only at present.

Because of the online offer, the music service agreement needs to be with the Parent/Carer so that students and Tutors are able to work in a safe environment. The use of the online portal we use has had to be passed by the LA and offers a high level of safeguarding built in.



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Mark, our guitar teacher, is very keen to resume teaching pupils at St Marys so should your child wish to receive music lessons please follow the link below:

<https://www.banesmusiconline.co.uk/site/parents-students/instrumental-lessons/>

Zig Zags

Please remember that the zig zags outside the school are to protect children and ensure they are safe on their journey into school. This is especially important now as many children are using the back, car park entrance into school and are having to navigate the narrow pavement at the front of school. Please do not park on the zig zags.

As with all schools, it is difficult and congested during drop-off and pick up times. If you are unable to walk to school please make use, as many parents do, of the offer from Writhlington Secondary to use the car park near the pedestrian lights at Jones, the village hall, or surrounding streets to park your car.

We thank you for your consideration.

School Dinners Taster for Little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2

Next Thursday we would like to give the children the opportunity to try school dinners.

We continue to work closely with Writhlington School to ensure that the dinners are not only healthy and balanced through the week but are also delicious. Currently dinners arrive at school individually packed in 'take away' containers and these are eaten in classrooms or the hall. Bubbles remain separated at lunch times too.

We will order dinners next Thursday for all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1. Should you wish, you can still provide your child with a packed lunch, and they can choose? As you know school dinners for our younger children remain free of charge, the cost is paid for by the government, and this is a great opportunity for them to try it.

The meal next Thursday is Sausage and Mash, Cauliflower Cheese, jelly and fruit.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Parents Evenings

Please see attached a letter regarding parent's evenings.