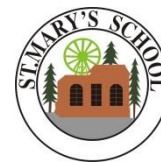




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This term's Christian Value is Compassion:

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3.12

School Diary Dates:

November

5th/6th

Fire Pit Forest School

10th

Science Day in school

11th

Remembrance Day

11th p.m.

Flu Immunisations

18th

Bubble Film Night



December

18th @ 2:30

End of Term 2

Compassion – Our Christian Value

This week, in our Friday ZOOM assembly, the children, teachers and Ms Lampert discussed COMPASSION. Children came up with very good suggestions about what compassion means to them: being caring and kind, understanding others' feelings, helping others with no reward, being respectful and being a good friend.

The Dalai Lama agreed, with these wise words: 'If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion'.

At these times it is so important to show compassion to others. Everywhere you look in St Mary's you will see signs and displays of compassion. Today children offered to help a class member look for a coat. Children in Class 6 enjoyed sharing in the joy with a pupil who had achieved a difficult target. Staff supported each other and the children in covering for staff absences. St Mary's really is a joyful place to be due to the wonderful children who come to our school. Thank you parents for supporting them and bringing up your children to be the caring compassionate individuals they are.



PTA – Film Night

All the children are invited to Film Night, with party Bag snacks, on November 18th.
£2.50 per child.

From Monday 2nd November, please send your child into school with £2.50 and permission slip attached, to their class teacher who will keep a register.

(Please note that should you be unable to print the permission slip at the end of the newsletter, permission can be written on a slip of paper and included in a name envelope with the payment).

Remembrance

Children across the school will be thinking about Remembrance Day on 11th November. We will hold a whole school ZOOM assembly and children will be painting poppies on stones to display around the school grounds.





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PE and Physical Activity

We are pleased that the government guidance allows us to continue to welcome in our sports coaches. Our school vision, created by governors, parents, teachers and children recognises that health and happiness is at the heart of education for St Mary's children. This week children have enjoyed gymnastics and football, in addition to their weekly PE lessons, taught by specialists in these areas.



Lockdown

Despite these difficult times, we will always endeavour to maintain the highest standards of provision at St Mary's but we do predict that there may be times ahead where adjustments will be necessary: We may need to isolate bubbles, ask support staff to cover lessons, increase supply teachers or indeed put other adaptations in place. The health and safety of children and staff will always be at the forefront of all decisions, including ensuring that there is enough staff on site to supervise children safely. Any changes would be made in consultation with governors, The Partnership Trust, Public Health and the DFE as appropriate.

It is requested that all visitors onto the school site wear masks and parents may choose to wear them at pick-up and drop-off times, especially if they would like a close conversation with staff. This is to protect you and others. A reminder that households should endeavour to avoid mixing during the lockdown period, including before and after school.

Cold Weather

In line with government recommendations, please be aware that we have to ensure that the classrooms and all areas of the school are well ventilated, this means keeping windows and doors open where possible and ventilating areas well at play and lunch times.

Please ensure that your child has extra layers of clothing under their uniform. We are constantly monitoring the situation and of course we will allow children to wear coats if they are cold.



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Flu Immunisations – A final reminder

Thank you to parents for kindly chasing information regarding these vaccinations. A date is now set. Nurses from Virgin care will visit the school on November 11th to administer the NASAL Flu Vaccination. Please see the letter below from Virgin Care explaining how to provide consent for your child to be vaccinated. ONLY children with completed permissions will be vaccinated. Please follow the link to sign your child up.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/banes>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

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Name of Child / Children: _____

Class (classes): _____

I give permission for my child/children to attend the PTA Film Night on November 18th,
3:15pm – 5pm
I enclose £2.50 per child).



Signed _____

All profits will go to the PTA fund to benefit all the children at St Mary's School.