



Newsletter

9th October 2020

As we reach the end of Week 6 in school I am so proud of the pupils and the staff on how they have adapted to the new ways of working and how positive the school feels. The children are immersed in their learning and the standard of work is incredible, as I am sure that you can see from the photos on Facebook. As I have said previously we work very closely as a team in school and we all appreciate the support that we are receiving at this challenging time.

Bubble Closure

We are looking forward to our Foundation children returning to school on Monday 12th October and reopening their bubble. I hope the parents and carers have found the home learning useful that the staff have been preparing.

School opening and closing times

The school playground gates open at 8.40am, children can go straight to class at that time. We open the gates again at 3.10pm to enable parents to have a phased pick up at the end of the day. Can we please ask that parents don't come to school early both in the morning and at home time please? Also remember to social distance, as we have had quite a few instances of parents being groups. At a time of increased cases of the Corona Virus we all must stay vigilant, to keep everyone safe.

School Photos

Some families have started to ask about school photos. This would normally be this time of year but St Marys Academy Trust have asked that this is postponed until after Christmas when it will be reviewed based on the information and guidance around Covid. I can assure you that all the children will have chance to have their photo taken before the end of the academic year.

Halloween Fun

At this time of year, we would normally be preparing for our Halloween Disco with the parent group. This is something that we are unable to offer this year, due to the restrictions of Covid. We would however like to offer the chance for the children to enjoy the fun so we are saying that all pupils can come to school on the last day of term, which is Friday 23rd October, in their Halloween fancy dress or non-uniform. We will make sure that the children get to take part in some spooky activities within their bubbles.

Help Needed

We are getting ready in the next few weeks to install our memorial for the lovely Jill Peaker. The inscribed bench and flower have been ordered and we are looking at creating a special reflection area on the front playground for adults and children to use. This will involve the removal and digging of some large established bushes. We may need to ask for some help for this. If anyone feels that they can help with this please either ring school or call into the office and speak to Mrs Wilson.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be done slightly differently this term due to Covid. Your class teacher will send you an email during the next two weeks to inform you of the times that they will be completing their phone consultations after half term. This will be to inform you of how your child has settled back into class and what their key targets are in reading, writing and maths.

Fruit in school

As part of our initiative for healthy eating and also to return to a level of normality for the children we have started selling fruit again this week in Key Stage 2. Children in Key Stage 1 and Foundation stage are already receiving free fruit so this does not apply to them. The fruit will be sold from their classroom and children will be asked to sanitise their hands before eating their fruit. Fruit will be 20p a day. Children will have a choice of apples, pears, carrots or bananas.

Communication with teachers

We appreciate that during these times your chances to speak to the teachers face to face are limited. We ask that if you do have concerns and need to speak to the class teacher you either email the teacher or ask them for a phone call back at the end of the day. In order to keep you informed we are trying to add as many pictures and posts as we can of the children learning on our social media sites and we will also be having a parent's evening after the half term. These meetings will be held over the phone and more information will follow.

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine

Quite a few families are asking about the flu vaccine for pupils. This is booked in for all pupils, reception to Year 6, on Thursday 19th November. The vaccine administered is a nasal spray and there will be more information about this in the coming weeks.

Another Arrival

We are pleased to inform you that another one of our staff had an arrival this week. Mrs Lucy Cook gave birth to a little girl on Wednesday this week weighing 7lb 8oz. Mum and baby are doing well and we wish Willow Cook all the very best.

Class of the Week

As one of our new incentives this year we have a Class of the Week award. This is presented on a Friday to the class in school who have had the most positive comments made about them. These are comments from all the staff including dinner staff and office staff. The class that have made the biggest impact in school that week will be awarded with a trophy to keep for the week and a bag of treats for them to enjoy individually.

Our Class of the Week is Year 4! Well done to you all.



Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mrs T Gulliver

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