

The St Mary's News



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A note from Mr Cox, Mrs Brewer and Mr Finlay,

Hello and welcome to St Mary's news.

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a thank you to everyone for continuing to make the school work really well under these very different times. Without the support and understanding of yourselves the school would not be able to run smoothly and successfully.

Remote Learning.



As I am sure you will have read or seen in the news, should there be a local or national lock down situation, schools will still be providing remote learning. This is also the case if I have to take the decision and shut a bubble in school.

To enable us as a school to do this we have invested in 'SeeSaw'. If your child is in Y1-Y6, they will be coming home with a letter explaining how to set this up at home. Should you have any difficulties doing this then please contact the school and we will help. Once you have set up the programme there will be a little task to have a go at. The staff will be receiving training on the use of Seesaw over the next couple of weeks, and we will be looking at how we can incorporate it into our home learning. The reason for setting this up now is to ensure that we are ready should we need to switch to remote learning at short notice. Once the staff have become more familiar with the programme we will share with you how we will be using it as part of regular home learning activities. If your child is in Early Years (Ducklings class), we will continue to use Tapestry in the event of needing to switch to remote learning.

Home learning

Just before the National lockdown I held a working party with a group of parents to seek their views on our current provision for home learning. Since then we have re-written the policy and expectations. Under other times this would then go to consultation before going to the Governing body. The decision I have taken is that we will trial the policy this term then I will send out a form to seek your views before presenting it to the Governing Body for final consultation and approval. Thank you for your views and support in this.

Below is a table that outlines the expectations for each year group.

We will be starting next week with homework.

The first termly project will be based around the school's vision.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Although we can not go to Church or have a whole school worship for Harvest the PTA would still like to support local charities and the church, so we are having a collection of tins and dry produce outside the school at drop off on the 7th October. It would be great if we could get a really large collection.

Thank you.

Year Group	Reading	Spelling	Maths	Project
Ducklings	At least 5 minutes daily		Counting activities	As advised by staff
Rabbits and Badgers	At least 10 minutes daily	Spellings list linked to the sound children are learning in school that week.	At least 5 minutes daily Number bonds to 10, 20 and hundred. Number bots for Rabbits and Badgers and TTRockstars just for Badgers	Termly Project work / Optional tasks
Bees and Otters	At least 15 minutes daily	Spellings list linked to the sound children are learning in school that week - Year 3 Differentiated spellings Spelling Shed - Year 4	At least 5 minutes daily Times table chants TTRockstars	Termly Project work / Optional tasks
Lions and Eagles	At least 20 minutes daily	Differentiated spellings Spelling Shed	At least 5 minutes daily Times table chants TTRockstars	Termly Project work / Optional tasks

Celebrations

Due to current restrictions on assemblies we are not able to have our weekly celebration assembly. However, it is very important to me that we celebrate success in school so every week the staff are going to choose a star of the week. This will be recording on our new behaviour system and a message will be sent home informing you of your child's success. They will also get a certificate from myself presented in class.



Stars of the week

Ducklings – Dawson, Evie

Rabbits – Archie, Tavie-Ann

Badgers – Jude, Ben

Bees – Lola P, Noah

Otters – Daisy, Esme

Lions – Phoebe, Thomas

Eagles – Rowan, Molly

COVID-19 information

A quick guide for parents and carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

a high temperature

OR

a new continuous cough

OR

a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.

[Your child can attend school if fit to do so.](#)

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<p>My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>If test is negative and child is well enough, symptom free for 48 hours and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service</p>
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) 	<p>When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<p>Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Household & support bubble member with symptoms to book a test Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>When household & support bubble member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services</p>
<p>Somebody in my household & support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14 days Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</p>
<p>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household & support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact' 	<p>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</p>
<p>Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>Attend school as normal</p>
<p>We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>Travel reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	<p>When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>

Worship

We have been using some of our class worship time to learn about the school's new vision and the strapline – 'Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation'.

You can watch Mr Cox reading our school vision, and see members of school staff saying our strapline, to help us learn it, on our school YouTube channel – St Mary's CE Primary School Timsbury.

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to Mr Finlay, Mrs Brewer, Mrs Purnell or Mr Cox. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

TERM DATES 2020-2021			
Term	Start	End	INSET
1	Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Wednesday 21 st October 2020	Tuesday 1 st September 2020 Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
2	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020
3	Monday 4 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 4 th January 2021 Tuesday 5 th January 2021
4	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Thursday 1 st April 2021	
5	Monday 19 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021	
6	Monday 7 th June 2021	Friday 23 rd July 2021	

Booking Dinners Reminder

All meals should be paid for online and in advance please. If you have difficulties doing this, please contact Mrs Hawkins so she can help sort out the problem. Remember to notify the office by 9am if the pattern needs to be changed for any reason to avoid being charged for dinners not taken.

Meals will not routinely be served without prior payment being received.

Children who have just moved to Year 3 no longer receive free school meals, unless you are eligible by benefit to do so *and* have had this confirmed by the LA

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS - EBB?

Please register your child (including those in Reception, year 1 and year 2) for free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. Registration will attract additional funding for our school for Pupil Premium (£1,320 per Primary pupil for the financial year 2019-20).

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB) if you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed below.

Qualifying benefits for Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, without any Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that is not more than £16,190
- Run-on Working Tax Credit which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to register – just call! Call the Free School Meals helpline on 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration. We will need you to tell us your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number when you call.

Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be accurate.