

# Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



## Tweet of the Week

To contemplate and to care: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and rebalance our relationship as human beings with creation .'

*[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)*



## New School Rules:

We have new school rules that the children have been learning.

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

## Online Safety:

Mr Cook has asked that you read the information from the link about keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/site/data/files/school%20curriculum/computing/18FE1D11B5CD97CB321F5A344DD7996A.pdf>

## Coronavirus advice:

There are 2 information leaflets attached to the newsletter, please take 2 minutes to read them both.

## Mental Health Wellbeing:

Please take a minute to watch the following short video on mental health.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxIDKZHW3-E>

## Data Forms:

Your child's data form will be sent home this week. Please can you check, amend, sign and return the form in the plastic wallet before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you. Attached to this newsletter are the two privacy forms that you will just need to read. Many thanks

## Data Forms:

Flu immunisation information was sent via parentmail this week. Consent or decline deadline for this is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

<https://immunisation.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Flu?id=575486a2-b13c-43d0-91cf-26477826c8d0>

### **Punctual Arrival:**

A polite reminder that you and your child need to be in your correct zone at the correct time ready for the start of the school day. Any child that arrives late will need to wait, with a parent, in the correct zone until we can safely let you into school at 8.55am.

### **After school collection & medical appointments**

Any last-minute change to your child's pick up arrangements should be emailed to the school by midday so that the message will be given to the teacher at lunchtime.

Medical appointment details should be emailed to the school in advance please.

### **Uniform:**

All children should be in full school uniform, the uniform list is available on the school website should you need to check.

<https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/school-uniform/>

As the weather turns cooler please ensure, if needed, that your child wears extra layers ie vests and tights. Due to the Risk Assessment for school, all classroom windows and doors will be left open to help with the circulation of clean air.

### **Appointments:**

We do understand how difficult it is for parents not to be able to talk face to face with the class teacher. If you have an issue that needs discussing please do not hesitate to email or call the school office and they will arrange a telephone appointment with your child's teacher.

Also, please communicate with your teacher by writing in your child's school diary.

### **St Mary's Website:**

We have a new school website and it is now live but not all the information has been up loaded yet. Please email the school if you have any queries.



### **School Meals:**

A reminder to parents that school kitchen is still preparing a cold lunch for the children. As soon as the issue is fixed we will parentmail you to let you know that we are back to hot meals. Attached is the hot meal menu for this term.

**Important:** Your child will receive a free school dinner during Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are on a low income you may be eligible for 'Free School Meals'. This will also provide additional financial support for the school which will then enable us to support you. To ascertain if you are eligible please apply by going to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) and follow the links.

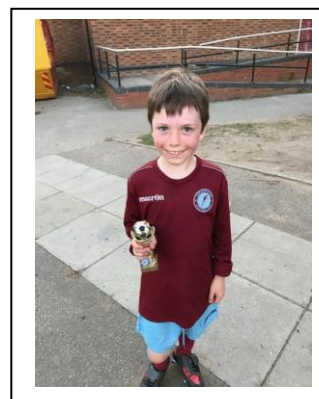
If your circumstances have recently changed please follow the link to see if you are eligible.

### **Reminder:**

We have heard from the property management company who are responsible for St Mary's Housing that some parents are still parking beyond the yellow lines for the housing estate. Please remember that you can only park in the church car park.

### **Well Done to Rory in Year4:**

At the weekend Rory, from year 4, was awarded Supporters Player of the Year for Copelston's U8's Tigers. Well done Rory!



### **Orchestra:**

As we are unable to teach mixed classes there will

be no Orchestra this half term.

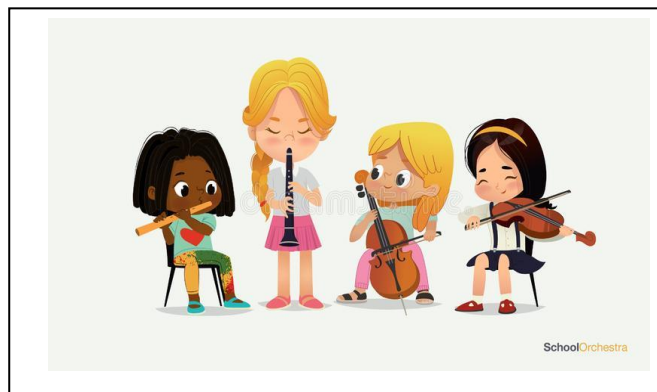
Please could the children bring their musical Instruments into school on the following days:

Year 6 : Thursday

Year 5 : Wednesday

Year 4 : Tuesday

Year 3 : Wednesday



### **Sports Clubs:**

YEAR 5 - Wednesday 8am starting 23rd September

YEAR 3 - Wednesday 3.15pm starting 30th September

YEAR 4 - Thursday 8am starting 1st October

YEAR 6 - Friday 3.15pm starting 25th September

Netball:

Wednesday 3.15pm - Year 5 starts 23rd September

Wednesday 3.15pm - Year 6 starts 30th September



### **Suffolk Families Magazine:**

Please have a look at the new edition of Suffolk families magazine.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families\\_suffolk\\_magazine\\_issue\\_55\\_sept\\_oct\\_2020?fr=sOTdmNjE5MTQ2MDk](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_suffolk_magazine_issue_55_sept_oct_2020?fr=sOTdmNjE5MTQ2MDk)

This new issue is full of helpful information and advise to support local parents, including some important Public Health information from Suffolk County Council about children's immunisations.

Certified Play Therapist Madeleine Powell. Madeleine offers some great advise for parents who may have noticed their child has become more anxious, particularly as a result of lockdown.

Local teacher and parent Freya McLaughlin also shares her personal experience of supporting a child with dyslexia.

You can also find our how the Woodbridge Tide Mill Museum Team will be bringing the mill into your home this Autumn.

The online edition also includes a brilliant 20 page digital supplement with lots of great links and more useful information for families.

## **PTA AGM:**

The AGM will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Zoom.

The invitation is attached for you.

## **PTA Update: Second Hand Uniform;**

Due to demand, the school and the FOSM PTA are very keen to continue offering access to second-hand uniform. Now school has started, we have made adjustments to allow us to do this.

Please direct any queries to the school office, and please do not contact Mrs Lavender directly from now on.

Many thanks.

### **Donating unwanted uniform:**

- If you have any clean outgrown or unwanted uniform items we would love to accept them.
- Logo items such as PE tops and jumpers are very much in demand, so we would particularly appreciate any of these outgrown items.
- Please send it into school with your child, in a carrier bag, marked with 'uniform donation' or similar, and the office will take it for the PTA.

### **Ordering second hand uniform:**

***\*\*\*Please note we do not currently have any school PE tops or school jumpers in stock. If we have any future donations they will appear on the next published uniform list\*\*\****

### **What items of uniform are for sale?**

- We will publish a list of available uniform, regularly, with the school newsletter. Please use this. The next up to date list will go out with the newsletter on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- Current lists will go out as and when the stock list is updated. Please note that logo items (PE tops and jumpers) tend to go in the first couple of days.

### **How do I order?**

- If you see anything you would like, please request it by e-mailing the school office [admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk). Please include your child's name and school year.
- We will work through the requests in order - logo items such as PE tops and jumpers are always in demand so if needed we will limit these to one of each per family.
- We will confirm what we can offer you and send you a total price.

### **How do I pay?**

- Please send in the money with your child, in a sealed named envelope, write their name and 'For the PTA' on the front. It will be passed to the school office.

### **How will I receive my order?**

- Once payment has been logged, we will send your order home discreetly with your child.

### **What else do I need to know?**

- If you are struggling with access to uniform, please let the school office know as we may be able to help.
- Items will be quarantined but we still recommend you launder them on receipt.

Please bear with us. We are doing our best to continue the provision, the stock is held on the school grounds and we cannot access it until all the children have left. This means a return trip to get orders sorted out and it will take longer than you may be used to.

Thank you for your support. Marge Jessop and the FOSM PTA

## Dates for your Diary

### Term dates for 2020/21

#### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training Days:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Half term:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July (disaggregated)