

Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

"The one who prays is never alone. In fact, Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus' name."

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



Remembrance:

Our whole school poppy artwork on display this week. We will remember them.



Visiting the school/dropping off lunch boxes etc:

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, parents/visitors should not come onto the school premises unless an appointment has been made.

We are sorry if the office staff cannot always answer the gate promptly. If you are at the gate for more than a couple of minutes without an answer please phone the school (01473 728372) so that we are aware that you are waiting. Thank you for your patience.

Virtual Tour – For New Children applying for Reception Class 2021/2022

There will be a virtual tour of the school available on St Mary's Facebook page and the school website for you to view from the 23rd November 2020.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Replies required for Reception through to Year 6 (10th December)

Please let the office know if your child would like a Christmas lunch by completing and returning the reply slip or emailing the school with their choices of main course and pudding **by Monday 16th latest**. Thank you. KS1 do not pay for lunches. KS2 lunch is the usual £2.35 payable through parentmail.

There will **not** be an alternative lunch offered on the 10th December so if your child does not want a school lunch on that day please supply a packed lunch from home. Thank you.

Reception 2021/2022:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2021/2022.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15th January 2021. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

School "Christmas Fun Day" 2020:

The PTA together with the school have organised a school Christmas Fun day. The fun day will be taking place on Thursday 10th December. This will be a Non-Uniform day for a £1.00 donation, there will be the Christmas Lunch, the children will be watching a Panto via Zoom in their classrooms and the PTA will be selling a Christmas Fair in a bag to the children via their class teachers.



Christmas Post Box

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have a Christmas post box this year. Pupils will be able to give Christmas cards to pupils in the same bubble only.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to place an order for your child's school photograph please do so by using the online details and order by Monday 16th November. Thank you.

I am afraid that we are unable to take any further cash/cheque orders in school after Friday.

Parents Evening

Due to the current situation with Covid19 and our risk assessment we are unable to hold a face to face parents evening this November.

This year, the class teachers will write a short report designed to give you a snapshot view of how your child has settled back into school and a current picture of how they are learning and what progress they are making.

After reading the report, if there is something further you wish to discuss with the class teacher then please email the school to make a telephone appointment.

Reports will be sent to you as an attachment via parentmail on 19th November.

Important:

Due to allergies in school please check all ingredients of items that are in your child's packed lunch to make sure none of them contain nuts of any kind. This includes but is not limited to Cereal bars, Peanut butter, Nutella etc. Many thanks for your continued co-operation with this.

Online Safety Message from Mr Cook:

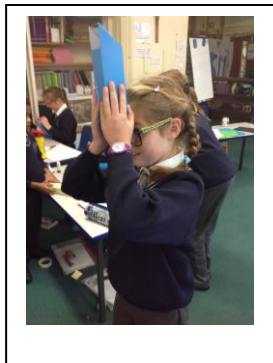
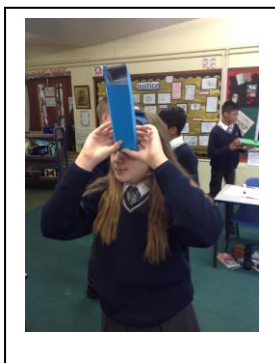
Please see attached a poster for your information about a popular game that children in our school are playing called 'Among Us'.

The PEGI rating is 7+, but there is still violence in the game and a chat feature that could expose children to inappropriate content and grooming. Many thanks Mr Cook

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Yr6 – Topic WW1:

As part of our topic of WW1 and our science topic of light, Year 6 looked at the idea of periscopes and how they work. These were very useful during the war, especially when in trenches.



NHS COVID-19 - NHS

Below are the details of the NHS App. We are encouraging all staff and parents to download it. Thank you.



The NHS COVID-19 app has been built in collaboration with some of the most innovative organisations in the world. We've worked with medical experts, privacy groups and at-risk communities.

www.nhs.uk

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

Government; What Parents and Carers need to know about schools in the Autumn Term:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Appointments:

We 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.

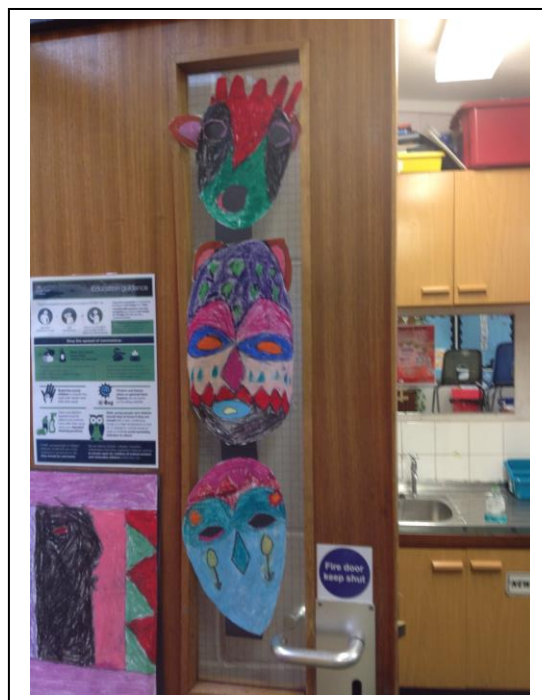
Sports Clubs

Unfortunately, due to the new lockdown for the next four weeks all sports clubs before and after school have had to stop.

To make up for the lost weeks, Joe Hurd will be organising extra sessions after December 2nd and you will be informed of the dates in due course.

Multicultural Artwork:

Have a look at the children's beautiful artwork from around the school that was made during our multicultural celebration.







Dates for

your Diary:

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)