

Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

'Let's pray for the millions of internally displaced people. Just like Jesus and his parents who fled to Egypt, they live with fear, uncertainty and unease.'

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



New School Rules:

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

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe

School Open Evening for Reception Class 2021/2022:

We are hoping to hold two open Evening sessions on the following dates:

The first will be on 9th November and there will be two slots, one at 3.30pm and the second at 4pm. There will be a short tour around the school and a 15-minute meeting with the Jo Berry (head of school) to answer any questions you may have.

The second will be on 11th November and again there will be two slots as above.

You will need to choose a session, to book simply email the school admin email address with your name and telephone number. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, only one parent will be allocated a space.

Should the guidelines change we will contact you to rearrange.

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.

Year 6 High School Admissions 2021/2022:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for current year 6 High School Place for September 2021/2022, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.

Please check the High School you wish to apply to, to see if they require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31st October 2020.

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/00F661ED707FF98A808B7F7B5151A47D.pdf>

School Meals:

Just to let you know that's as from this week you do not have to commit to school dinners for the whole term. You can make your choices on a day to day basis.

Reception, Years 1 & 2 do not pay for school meals.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are charged £2.35 per meal.

Your child will be asked each morning in registration if they are a school meal or packed lunch so please make sure that your child is aware of what they need to order.

School Uniform and extra layers:

Due to a change in weather please could all children ensure that they bring a waterproof named coat to school with them every day.

Due to our Covid19 risk assessment we are keeping the doors and windows open slightly to help with the circulation of air. As the weather begins to cool, please could you ensure that your child has extra layers on to help keep them warm, vests, tights and even base layers if needed. As extra help if your child is feeling the cold then we would allow them to wear a plain navy fleece over their school uniform. Please make sure that all school uniform is named as when children misplace their items it makes it easier for teachers to give back to the correct person if it has the names clearly visible.

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.

Highest Class Attendance this week:

And the WINNER IS.....Year 5 for this week's highest, let's see who the winner will be next week. Well done to all of the Year 5 children for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Cambodia Book:

Marie-Madeleine has written and published a book on the visits to Cambodia which have informed the presentations that have been given to pupil's at St. Mary's over the years. There is actually a reference to the great support given by St Mary's School to the twinning towards the end of the book.

Copies, which cost £14.99, can be obtained by sending Marie-Madeleine an email at mariemadeleinekenning@gmail.com

All profits will go to supporting those in need in Cambodia. As you can imagine, general fundraising has come to a standstill and any help that parents wish to give would be greatly appreciated.

Stoptober - Parents

Stopping smoking is one of the best things you will ever do for your health. When you stop, you give your lungs the chance to repair and you will be able to breathe easier. There are lots of other benefits too – and they start almost immediately.

It's never too late to quit, so join in this Stoptober.

<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/>



Sports Clubs:

YEAR 5 - Wednesday 8am

YEAR 3 - Wednesday 3.15pm

YEAR 4 - Thursday 8am

YEAR 6 - Friday 3.15pm

Payment is due by 09th October 2020 please.

Netball:

Wednesday 3.15pm - Year 5 starts 23rd September

Wednesday 3.15pm - Year 6 starts 30th September



Flow Chart from Suffolk County Council:

Please find attached to the newsletter a letter and flow chart with when to keep your child off school from Suffolk County Council for parents/carers.

PTA:

The PTA held their AGM on 28th September 2020. The minutes and reports from the meeting are located on the school website.

Attached with this newsletter is an up to date list of second hand school.

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)

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is **94.7%**



There are **365** days in a calendar year

175 days are **not** spent at school*

*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends

To learn more about Good Punctuality please visit: www.barnsley.gov.uk

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