

Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

“Every saint is a message which the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people.”

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



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.

Cancelled - Reception Class 2021/2022 Open day sessions

Due to the new restrictions I am afraid we have had to cancel the open day sessions. There will be a virtual tour of the school on St Mary's Facebook page and website available to view by the end of the November.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 10th December

Please note that, if your child would like a Christmas lunch, we require a reply from all year groups (Reception through to Year 6). KS1 do not pay for lunches. KS2 lunch is the usual £2.35.

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.

You can email the school with your choice for main course and pudding or, alternatively, send the completed reply slip to school.

Replies must be received by **12th November** as the kitchen will need numbers in advance. Thank you.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photograph proofs have been sent home this week.

If you would like to order please use the online order details.

If you wish to pay by cash, the exact amount should be enclosed in the envelope (change cannot be given) and returned to school.

Orders should be completed by 13th November please. Many thanks.

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.

Introducing our school welfare officer:

We would like to introduce you all to our school education welfare officer Lois Songer.

Lois will be working closely with the school and our families to ensure regular attendance for all pupils.



Multi-cultural Month Message from Mrs McGhee Wallace:

Hello everyone,

I want to share with you the many successes of our multi-cultural month.

The work that our children produced throughout October was splendid. The conversations that we had were thoughtful, insightful and inspirational.

At the end of the month, I spoke with some children from Y2 - Y6. I wanted to hear how they felt about what we had been doing. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Here are some of their comments:

- *I enjoyed it because we're learning about people from other countries.*
- *Good learning about other cultures..*
- *I like to hear their story and what they did.*
- *Hearing their stories inspired me.*
- *I enjoyed hearing about Katherine Johnson because she's my black history hero because we're both good at maths.*
- *Hard to hear their stories but good too as they never gave up.*
- *Glad that all of these people were making images of themselves and that they stood up to the world. We should be doing it. I'm glad we did. Important to see what other people go through.*

I hope that you enjoy hearing their voices

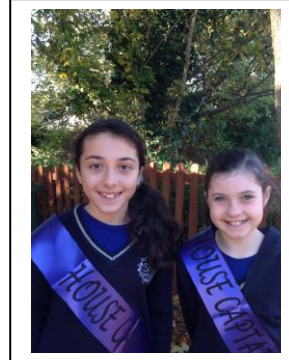
Online Safety Message from Mr Cook:

Please take time to have a look at the information attached by Mr Cook for Twitch

<http://stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.ovw6.devwebsite.co.uk/site/data/files/school%20curriculum/computing/B42835251165696F815A109B5392C71C.pdf>

Meet your school house captains:

Hello from the school house captains. We will be adding up house points and meeting to create a video to share with the school on the importance of our three school rules.



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/>

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.

Exciting Job Opportunity:

Attached to this week's newsletter is a job advert. Please take time to have a look, maybe you know someone looking for work who would be interested in applying for this position. Many thanks

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)