

Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

'Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's 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/8190C67653EE9CE9F6A1B4458CAB6CF3.pdf>

Flu Immunisation:

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

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

Data Forms:

Please could all data forms be returned to school by Monday 28th September at the latest.

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 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:

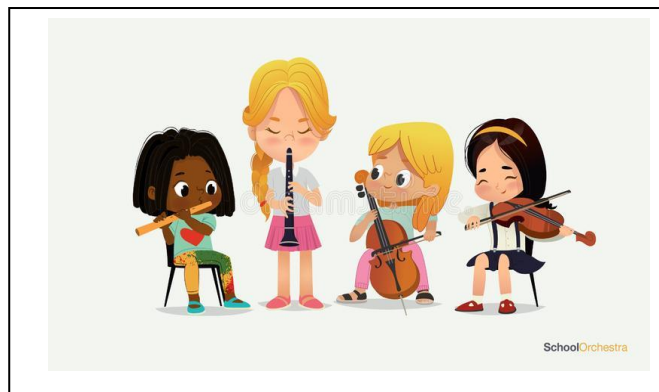
We do understand how difficult it is for parents not to be able to talk face to face with the class teacher. If you have an issue that needs discussing please do not hesitate to email or call the school office and they will arrange a telephone appointment with your child's teacher. Also, please communicate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

Highest Class Attendance this week:

And the WINNER IS.....Year 3 for the highest week's attendance, let's see who the winner will be next week. Well done to all of the Year3 children for coming into school every day this week.

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

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



PTA AGM:

This years AGM will be held on Monday 28th September at 7:30 via Zoom.

You may need to download the zoom app or like so many you may already have from when we were in lockdown.

Login details including meeting code and password are below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8208897053?pwd=OThyNExBcUViUWVnOUt3R3hmQWdMUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 889 7053

Passcode: AGM

We look forward to seeing you all online. Many thanks PTA

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)

Government letter:

Date: 23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, students, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with COVID-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- you should only book a test if your child has any of these 3 coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus
- if you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the [official list of symptoms on the NHS website](#), which is reviewed regularly
- only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the 3 symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result

- if the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms
- if a pupil or student in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school or college. Schools and colleges have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some [guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school](#) which you may find useful.

It is vital for children and young people's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Viv Bennett CBE
Chief Nurse and Director Maternity and Early Years, Public Health England

Dr Susan Hopkins
Interim Chief Medical Officer, NHS Test & Trace
Deputy Director, Public Health England
Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Microbiology, Royal Free, London

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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