

Newsletter

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

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

'A virus that does not recognise barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinctions.'

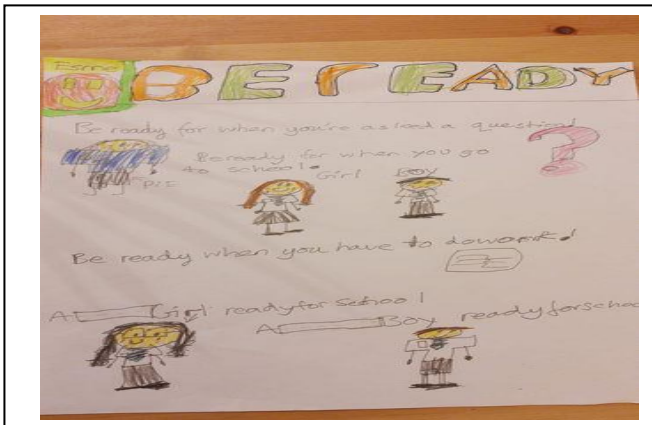
[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)



New School Rules:

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

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe



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.

Zones:

Please could all parents and carers do their best to socially distance from one another at school drop off and collection. Please make sure you and your child are waiting in the correct zones for your class. If you are driving to school please be considerate and vacate your parking space as quickly as possible to enable more parents to park and drop their child at school. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

St Mary's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ipswichstmarys/>

Please like and follow our school facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening at school.



School Meals KS2:

A reminder to parents that school dinners are £2.35 for Key Stage 2 parents (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) and should be paid for in advance via parentmail.

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.

Orchestra:

As we are unable to teach mixed classes there will

be no Orchestra this half term.

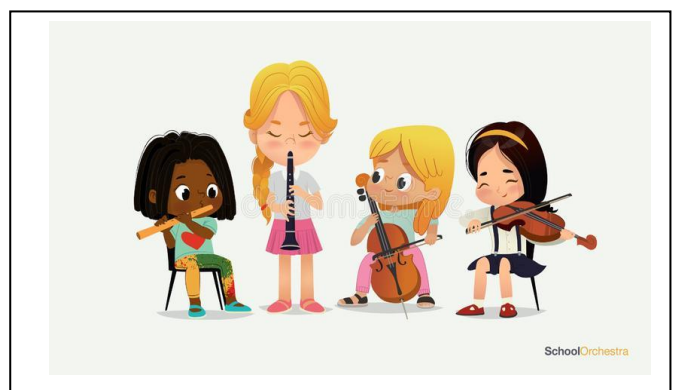
Please could the children bring their musical Instruments into school on the following days:

Year 6 : Thursday

Year 5 : Wednesday

Year 4 : Tuesday

Year 3 : Wednesday



Travelling to School:

Suffolk County Council has produced 5 videos with the latest advice on travelling to school – with particular emphasis on COVID-19 precautions.

The videos are 3 minutes long.

Walking - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3nNHir0hmc>

Cycling - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVQHTBVHWG4>

Passenger - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lBjlg64evS4>

School bus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL4lfNopUV0>

Public bus - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-9b_vPhvqk

PTA Update: Second Hand Uniform;

The PTA are devising a new system to donate and purchase second hand uniform and the details for this will follow in next week's newsletter along with an up to date list of uniform available to purchase.

In the meantime, please do not try to contact Mrs Lavender as she will be unable to help you purchase second hand uniform.

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)



Chat Health is a confidential text service provided by the school nursing team during term time, Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm for help about a range of issues. Text a school nurse on 07507 333356.

Suffolk Children & Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Hub

Information, advice and support for children, young people, families, and professionals.

Phone: 0345 600 2090
Monday to Friday 8am - 7.30pm
Visit: www.emotionalwellbeinggateway.org.uk



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