

ST MARY'S NEWS

Ethos statement for this week and next week:

I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt

I understand that rights match responsibility

Superkids and Star of the Week

We are still awarding superkid/star of the week certificates for hard work, kindness, achievement etc. Although we cannot have an assembly to share these awards we are having class presentations instead.

The latest winners are:

EYU: Karissa Schofield, Jovi Mould, Jack Fennell and Ebony Taylor.

Class 2: Emilia Korytko and Logan Thompson

Class 4: Grace Anderson and Katelyn waters

Class 5: Freddie White and Gabriel Korytko

Class 6: Elina Vadsariya and Luke Squires.

Class 7: Cohen Hudson and Vanessa Bosela

Class 8: Jayden Rodgerson and Joshua Fisher

Class 9: Zak Newsome-Brennan and TJ Green

Class 10: Dylan Tindall and Roksana Greidane

Class 11: Elliott Newsome-Brennan and Monta kuznecova

EMAIL ADDRESSES- We are moving more and more to electronic information-thank you for your fantastic response, we have an email address for most families now. You can still give us this by emailing office@stmarysbatley.co.uk with your name and child's name or completing the online student update form that was sent out as a link in a text message. We will import it into our registration system. Also we send our letters via the school app- download school jotter app (free) from app store or google play and search for St Mary's Catholic Primary Batley WF178PH

DINNERS- The school menu has changed and there are now 3 choices - a copy came home via the school app and is on our website too. Next week is week 2 of the menu. Children who have moved into Yr. 3 are required to pay for school meals. Any family from R-Yr. 6 can apply for free school meals and each new successful claim helps school with extra money into our budget. The added benefit is you also get free milk too. In the event of further lockdown or if your child has to self-isolate you would be eligible for help towards lunches.

Please go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals or ring 01484 221928

VENTILATION- we have had a couple of queries this week regarding the classrooms being cold but we have to follow the Government guidance to be COVID secure. The virus thrives indoors so our classrooms are well ventilated even if wet and cold outside so you might want to let your child wear a vest/extra tee-shirt as an extra layer along with a cardigan/sweatshirt.

FLU VACCINATION FORMS- The nasal vaccine will be administered on 12th November. There is still time to return your form.

PARENTS EVENING- unfortunately we are still in restrictions so that means no face to face contact. As this parents evening is usually about how the children are settling in, attitude to learning etc. we will produce a mini report card which will come home after half term. Once you have received this mini report you will be able to contact the class teacher for further explanation if necessary through the parent seesaw app so please can you make yourself an account using the details that have already come home.

COVID TESTING- If anyone in your family shows symptoms of coronavirus such as: temperature or hot to touch (chest/back), PERSISTENT new cough and/or loss of smell/taste then they need a test. While you are waiting the result the WHOLE family needs to stay at home. If you are sent home from work or the GP advises you need a test please collect your children before you take the test as once you have started the testing process you need to self isolate. If you get a negative result all the family return to school/work when fit to do so. Please inform school when anyone in your household is having a test and the result even when negative. If a member of your household is advised they have been in contact with a positive case then they need to stay at home BUT the rest of the household carries on attending school or work unless symptoms develop.

SEESAW AND ONLINE LEARNING- in the event that your child has to remain at home due to self-isolation or a positive test result we have to provide an education. This is through Seesaw or Tapestry(EYU). All classes should now have been sent a log in and instructions for the Seesaw app- 1 for the child and 1 for the family. These need activating asap. Please contact school if you cannot activate either account or if you don't have a device you could use if isolating.

ATTENDANCE AND HOLIDAY REQUESTS - if your child is absent from school due to isolation or awaiting the result of a test then they are marked in the register as X. This does not count as an absence so if your child has been in school every day except for 2 days X they still have 100% attendance.

We are receiving a small number of holiday requests but after consultation with our school attendance office we are advised to do the following: parents request a holiday (the form is on the website) in writing. If you have rearranged a cancelled holiday due to coronavirus travel restrictions/cancellations we need to see the original booking form/cancellation notification with your request form. At that point the holiday will still be unauthorised but no fixed penalty will be applied. Otherwise the holiday is treated in the usual way-unauthorised with fixed penalty (£60 per parent per child) if your child's attendance is below 95% at the point of the holiday. All holidays taken with no prior notice are subject to a fixed penalty regardless of circumstances or attendance levels.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 22nd Oct School finishes for half term

Friday 23rd Oct School closed for pupils INSET day

Mon 2nd Nov School reopens for pupils.(please note amended date)

The school office remains closed to parents so please ring or email any queries to office@stmarysbatley.co.uk If you arrive late to school or are arriving to drop off/collect a child for a medical/dentist DO NOT pass through the black gates. A member of staff will come out to you.

We have 4 nursery places for children who are 3years old (birthday on or before 31st August 2020) If interested please contact school for an immediate start.