

ST MARY'S NEWS

Our Virtues : Respect and Courtesy

WELCOME BACK TO EVERYONE!!!

It has been fantastic to see you all back at school!

The children have made a brilliant start to the new school year with new teachers, year groups and systems in school. I have seen lots of smiling faces and we have been able to have a whole school Mass over at church for the first time since lockdown which was lovely. Father Eamonn welcomed us all back and our time in prayer together was wonderful. The singing was a privilege to hear and the children completely filled church with their voices!!

Although we are no longer under the restrictions we followed in the summer term it is vital that families do let us know if anyone in their household is showing symptoms and the result of any testing. We are continuing with a zero acceptance of any child who shows signs of illness within the school setting particularly a high temperature, persistent cough, change to their sense of taste or smell. Please do not send your child to school if they are suffering from any of these symptoms and of course the usual sickness and diarrhea (24 hours since the last episode of either or 48 if suffering from both.)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS and SCHOOL COLLECTION PROCEDURES- Please can you let the school office know if you have changed your mobile number- ideally the office should have 2 contacts for if your child is ill. Could we also have an email address in case we can't get through on the phone. If your child spends a significant amount of time during the week with different parents, please make sure we have up to date numbers for you both. Thank you

If your child is in Year 5/6 (classes 9-11) they may walk to and from school on their own but only if you have sent a signed letter giving them permission. Please note they cannot take younger siblings home on their own.

Please let the school office or class teacher know if another parent is collecting your child. If you need to collect your child during school sessions, especially the afternoons an appointment card, letter or text is required.

PE-can all children bring their PE kits to school on Monday and take them home Friday for washing. It is useful to add a pair of joggers as the weather turns colder as PE is outdoors. Thank you.

DINNERS- The coloured banding system continues this year. If your child is going to be late or has a planned medical appointment please let the office know what your child's dinner choice is so a meal can be ordered.

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.

If you are in receipt of one or more of the following:

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- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

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

FLU NASAL LINK- You should have already received an email with a link on to give permission for your child to have the flu nasal in school. If you have not received this please contact the school office. The Date for the Nasal Spray is the 14th October.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- Coach Nikki has started her club again and the children involved are really enjoying being back, developing their skills and enjoying themselves with friends!

START AND END TIMES-

All pupils start 8.55am end 3.20pm

The gate will be open from 8:45am in the morning and parents can drop off or bring children onto the school grounds. The gates will be open from 3:15PM in the afternoons and you are welcome on site. It has been lovely to see you all back to St Mary's.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 14th Oct- Flu Nasal Spray

Friday 23rd Oct- School finishes for half term

Mon 1st November **School reopens for pupils.**

The school office is now open to parents or you can ring or email any queries to office@stmarysbatley.co.uk

St Mary's Church

Finally, Father has asked me to let you know that church will be open from 8:30 until 9:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays for quiet reflection and prayer. You are most welcome to come into church at these times.

The sacraments will be delivered by staff in school this year and there will be more details to follow.

I would like to wish you all a happy and successful school year. Thank you, Mr Glover.