



12th March 2021

UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children to school this week. We have been really impressed how well they have settled back in and it is clear that the work they completed remotely at home has allowed them to continue with the curriculum on their return. We are of course putting in place interventions and support for pupils who may need it following school closures and as always we continue to use ongoing assessment for all children to ensure that misconceptions are identified and that appropriate support can be put in place.

This week has seen the whole school participate in Book Week and each class has been studying a book which their English work and some other subject areas has been based around. Do ask your child about the book they have looked at. We have been really impressed by the decorated potatoes that have been brought into school – we really do have some creative pupils and families in our community! I have enjoyed looking at them identifying familiar characters and I have enjoyed discovering new ones and new book titles. Look out on our website for images of our creations!

This week in AoW we have continued to look at the theme of Lent and we will continue with this next week linking it to our school value of responsibility.

Social Distancing

Thank you for adhering to our staggered drop off and start times, we really appreciate your support with this. As always please do not park in the layby when dropping off. If you need to park, please use the parent carpark. We do ask too that once you have collected your child that you do go straight home and avoid congregating on the narrow paths around school, thus following government guidelines around social distancing and meeting others.

Thank you again for your support in keeping all members of our community as safe as possible.

Sponsored Reading Challenge

To avoid cash transactions being handled by the office, where possible please could all reading challenge sponsorship money be paid via SCOPAY. We will be collecting sponsorship money up until Monday 22nd March.

Home Learning

There will be no Home Learning this weekend. This will restart on Google classrooms next week. Don't forget though that your child can still access our online provision in terms of: Education City, Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars, as well as IDL for specific children who have login access to this.

Comic Relief Day 2021

The theme for this year's Comic Relief Day is being a super hero. We will be having a dress down day with children being encouraged to dress as their favourite super hero: so get your creative juices flowing! Attached to this update are templates for some masks to help with the costumes.

As with everyone at the moment we would like to avoid receiving cash in school and so have set up a Just Giving site which we would ask you to use to make your donations to this very worthwhile charity. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-marys-ce-junior-school-rednoseday21>

Free School Meals

You can now check your eligibility for free school meals. This self-service option is available at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

For this online service, all you need to do is enter your name, National Insurance number or Asylum number, address and your child's details. Then press submit and find out if you are eligible. If the result comes back found, this means your child is eligible for FSM and the system automatically tells the school. You no longer have to find the paperwork and go into school to get it checked.

Footpath Closure – Update

During the first phase of work the contractors were able to leave the path open but have struggled with the volume of traffic using it. The path will therefore now be closed until the work is complete.

Calshot Residential Trip – October 2021

If you opted to pay for the balance of £280 monthly, please note that the March instalment of £46 is now due. As advised previously, this is only a suggestion and you can pay any amount towards the cost at any time.

Dinner Money

For those of you wishing to pay for school dinners weekly, the total per week is £12.50. Please ensure that your account is in credit.

Medical information for SCL

If your child attends SCL After School Care Club could you please ensure that any information about food allergies and medical needs are passed on to the club providers directly. We do not hold a register for this club and do not always know exactly who is attending and it is therefore vital that you provide the SCL staff with this information to ensure they can keep your children safe. Thank you.

Sports Xtra – Easter Holiday Camp

Attached are details of the Easter Holiday Camp being held at Everest.

School Trips

Current government guidance still does not allow us to do any outside visits. So as far as possible we continue to discuss alternative arrangements with our 'suppliers' and where possible enrichments are happening in school under strict COVID guidelines and in line with our risk assessment.

Dates for the Diary

18th March Year 3 Roman Workshop
19th March Comic Relief Day

2nd -16th Apr Easter Holidays

19th Apr Start of Summer Term

20th April Hampshire Music INSET Day
(No brass lessons)
5th May Parents' Evening (virtual)
6th May Parents' Evening (virtual)
17th-21st May Walk to School Week

28th May INSET DAY

31st – 4th Jun Half Term

7th June First day back

21st June Hampshire Music INSET
(No guitar or drum lessons)

29th June Sports Day *
1st July Reserve Sports Day *

23rd July Last day of term

2nd Sept INSET DAY

3rd Sept INSET DAY

6th Sept First day of term

***Parental attendance is subject to government restrictions in place at the time**

**For further detail and updates please see;
School website:
<https://www.st-marys-jun.hants.sch.uk>
and also our Facebook page
[@stmarysjuniorsoldbasing](#)**

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