

St. Mary's Mail



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Dates For Your Diary

1st Oct 2020	Census Day/ New school Menu launch including "Golden Tickets"
5th Oct 2020	Reception 2021 online meeting 5pm & 8pm
12th Oct 2020	Individual School Photos
12th Oct 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours
19th Oct 2020	Reception 2021 Socially distanced tours

This term is passing us by rather quickly and as we enter week 5, we are beginning to move into phase two of our curriculum. Phase one was carefully designed to support children's return to school and also gain a rapid picture of children's learning needs and gaps, whilst giving space for them to respond to their emotions .

As we move into phase two we return to our curriculum approach. Teachers have built a topic, centred on 'hope' and our 'brave changemaker' curriculum drivers. History is the main focus this term as we learn from the past and how we can bring hope to others.

Please make sure you are following your child's Class Dojo page so you can get a taster of what's happening in the classroom.

Thank you to all of our parents for making such an effort to keep to the new staggered drop off and pick up times. You are really helping us to maintain a steady flow and minimising the number of people on the playground at one time.

Can I ask that you make sure you leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your child and please do not let children use the play equipment or slide as all equipment has been allocated to individual bubbles.

I hope our new reception children enjoyed their first full week. They seem to be raring to go!

Reception 2021

Do you know someone with a child due to start school in September 2021? Over the next 8 weeks we will be running a series of events to showcase the school. More information can be found on our school website.

School Menu

As you would have seen in a recent letter, we will be adding a hot element to our school menu. It is our intention to take this further in the future but we need to ensure that we are able to manage the preparation, delivery (to classrooms), eating and clearing of food before we make things too complex. We would like as many children as possible to take up the school meals as this helps test our systems and will enable us in moving closer to a full hot meal offer in the future.

Thursday 1st October is census day, and as always we appeal to you for your support. The more children in reception and KS1 having a school lunch on this day, the better funded we are as a school. As a special incentive, there will be 5 golden tickets hidden in school lunch bags on this day and each will be traded for a £10 Amazon Voucher.

Home Reading

We hope you managed to read the recent letter sharing changes to the reading scheme. If your child(ren) have not yet brought a reading book home with them, they are highly likely to have one next week (with the exception of some of our oldest pupils). We have invested a lot of money in reading resources this year and we want to continue to ensure that both the class libraries and our reading scheme on offer is engaging for children. Please can you help your child to take care of their book and make sure that it coming back into school ready for book change day. Your class teacher will be able to provide more information regarding this.

PE DAYS

Whilst we have enjoyed having some flexibility around PE days during September, from **Monday 5th October** classes will have set PE days, class teachers will be in touch to confirm these days. On your child's PE days they will need to come into school dressed in their PE Kit.

The school PE kit consists of a plain white polo shirt, plain black shorts/jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers or daps.

As we enter the colder months children should wear their school jumper, cardigan or fleece over their kit. Alternative you will soon be able to purchase a school PE hooded jumper from Initially yours. These are optional but I must stress that only these jumpers or a regular navy jumper/cardigan/fleece are acceptable PE uniform.

Hoodies will be available to order from Thursday 1st October.

