

Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents



Autumn Days!

As I write this, the sky is a beautiful shade of blue, with a whisper of cloud and the sun is shining, but there is now a cold breeze blowing. The days are becoming shorter and when I write our next newsletter, the clocks will have been put back an hour. The children of course, seem oblivious to this, however, please can I remind you again to send your child in to school with a coat, so they can still play outside comfortably – even in a light drizzle.



Coughs and colds

Whilst it is lovely for the children to be able to play together there is, unfortunately, a downside – we're now more susceptible to catching any bugs. Therefore, we are finding there are more children off school with either tummy bugs or coughs and colds. Please remember that it is 48 hours **after** the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea before sending your child back to school. Whilst I understand (and am relieved) that our children have only had colds, it is still imperative to get your child a PCR test if they have developed a new cough.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep your child off school if they have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

Stay at home and get a test for your child.

[Find out more about symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do](#)



PTFA

Please remember that our new PTFA will be meeting for the first time on 19th October. If you have any ideas, please pass them on through the school office or if you see Michelle at the school gate.

Start and end of day

THANK YOU for your patience and understanding – we have found that this system is (on the whole) working. Of course the joys of being a rural school is that we often meet tractors and hedge-cutters on the road. Please continue to remain patient and polite.

Please could I also ask that when dropping off and collecting, that you keep your children with you at all times and are mindful of them getting in and out of your car, that they don't knock the door into the car next to you. We want to avoid any accidents both to people and cars. Thank you.



Before and After School Club

Don't forget - we have Breakfast Club which starts at 8am every day and costs £2.50 per session. We also have After School Club which has 3 sessions:

3:15 - 4:15pm - £3.50

3:15 – 5:00pm - £7.50

3:15 – 6:00pm - £10.00

Please use School Money to book your child in for any sessions. When dropping off or collecting, please use the bell on the gate to alert the staff that you are there.

Please note: if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, there is funding which can support your child attending Breakfast and After School Club – do email the office if you would like to take this up.

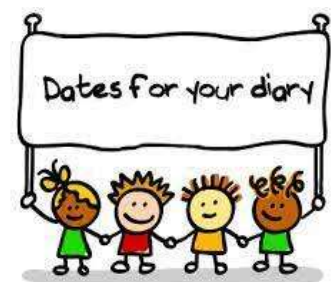
PE Kit

Please can I remind you again that on PE days, for health and safety, children should not be wearing any earrings. If this cannot be avoided, please ensure your child wears (surgical) tape over their earrings. Now would be a good time to introduce layers – joggers and shorts, depending on the weather.



Dates for your diary:

- Friday 22nd October – break up for half term
- Monday 1st November – INSET Day
- Tuesday 2nd November – children return to school
- Wednesday 8th December 9:30 - Whole School Mass in church
- Thursday 16th December 2pm – Blessing of the Crib and carols in church
- Friday 17th December – last day of the Autumn term



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO DATE OF END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22 – DUE TO EXTRA Bank Holiday, the last day of school for the Summer term will be Thursday 21st July 2022.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sharon Betts
Headteacher