



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2020

Dropping off

Reception: 8.50am - 9am

Year 1: 9am - 9.10am

Year 6: 8.40am - 8.50am

Keyworker Children: 8.30am - 8.40am

Picking up

Reception: 2.45pm

Year 1: 3.20pm

Year 6: 3.10pm

Keyworker Children: 3pm

Early Finish - Friday

All pupils finish school early, every Friday, for deep cleaning.

Reception: 12pm

Year 1: 12.30pm

Year 6: 12.20pm

Key worker children: 12.10pm

Equipment Needed:

- A named water bottle
- School uniform
- A packed lunch
- NO book bags**
- NO P.E. kit bags**

Dear parent/carer,

We are still waiting for the government to publish their guidance regarding the wider opening of schools in September.

In the short term, we have planned for our existing groups to continue attending school, every day, until the end of this academic year. **These plans will only change if government guidance changes, or if we get an increase in pupils returning to school.**

Most of our 'bubble' groups are now full.

We are currently using every classroom we have available and the 'bubbles' are being taught by every teacher and teaching assistant we have.

As a result, we are unable to accommodate any additional pupils for at least the next 2 weeks.

Groups Mixing - Before and After School

Following the latest government advice, we have put lots of measures in place to ensure that our different 'bubble' groups do not mix in school. This has included staggering break, lunch, drop-off and pick-up times; pupils eating lunch in their classrooms, the same adults working with the same children throughout the day and no assemblies.

Some parents have expressed concerns that they have seen different groups of children mixing on their way to and from school and also playing very closely together on Rockingham Recreation ground.

Although this is outside of school, and out of our control, it is putting all of our children (and staff) at greater risk. A big thank you to all of our family members who are ensuring that their children socially distance wherever possible.

Sun Hats and Water Bottles

We've been lucky enough to see some lovely weather this week.

Please remember to send your child into school with a filled water bottle. Pupils are unable to use our water fountains at this time but they can refill their water bottles at our classroom sinks. In the event of warm weather next week, please ensure your child has a sun hat to wear during their break times.

The Pantry

All children in Reception and Year 1 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime.

Parents are able to order a packed lunch from our school meals provider - the Pantry. If you order a packed lunch for a Friday (early finish), your child will bring this packed lunch home with them.

https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php

Year 6 Transition – St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School has set up an online page for Yr6 pupils who will be starting with them in September. This includes a virtual tour of the school, videos, weekly challenges and other information.

Please visit:

<http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/1366/new-year-7-2020>

Home Time: Bikes

Where possible, we ask that only one adult comes into school to pick up their child. If you do need to bring other siblings with you, please ensure that they stay with you at all times. **We ask that children do not ride bikes across the playground.**

Reading Books

Unfortunately we are unable to send home our Oxford Reading Tree reading books at this time.

These books are, however, available to read online using a tablet, smart phone, PC or laptop. Please visit:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

From the library: Click on 'Oxford Reading Tree' in the drop down and then click on the Book Band your child is currently reading in school.

Homework

Each week, we will set one piece of homework for the pupils who are attending school. Please ask your child to check their Purple Mash account. This includes Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (as well as key worker) children.

Home Learning Activities

If your child is **not returning to school**, we ask that they complete the following activities at home each day:

- Daily Bitesize English lesson
- Daily Bitesize Maths lesson
- All teachers will set additional activities on Purple Mash and provide online feedback
- OPTIONAL: Daily Bitesize lesson (other subject)

Work in school will follow the same learning objectives as those set for home learning.

Daily Bitesize Lessons

Daily lessons include teaching slides, videos games and quizzes. There are also worksheets to complete. You can either print these or write the answers on paper or in a book.

These activities can be accessed through the following website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Home Learning for Upper Early Years.

Children who are not attending school please follow the Oak Academy link below to access the home learning activities for Reception (Upper Early Years).

This will cover 1 English lesson, 1 Maths lesson, 1 Focus task, 1 PE lesson and also PSHE on some days. I will also add 1 piece of Purple Mash to be done for the week.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year/reception>

Birthday Treats

Unfortunately we are not allowing birthday treats in school.

The government guidance is that items brought into school from home should only be touched by the child who brings it in.

Contacting Staff

We are unable to hold any face to face meetings at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact us through the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Online Church

Following government advice, Masses and other services are no longer being celebrated in public. However, **this does not mean our parish is closed**. Masses continue to be celebrated and are available to view through You Tube:

<https://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/>