



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Google Classroom

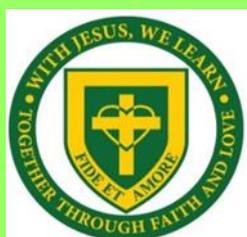
Our remote learning platform can be accessed through a free App on both Apple and Android devices, as well as through the internet on laptops or desktops. If accessing Google Classroom on the internet (on a laptop or desktop) - please type the following into your address bar: classroom.google.com Children will see a log-in screen and will need to enter their username on the first screen and press 'next'. Their password needs to be entered on the second screen.

School Contact Details

If you are having any difficulties with Google Classroom - please contact our school office.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you, and your family, are keeping safe and well.

It has been lovely to see so many pupils over the last couple of weeks through their daily Google Meets with teachers. We hope that your child is getting on well with their remote learning activities – we have seen some fantastic work since we started back remotely in September.

Thank you for all your positive comments over the last two weeks and for some of the suggestions we have received – we have tried to take these on board. We have supplied all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a pack of CGP workbooks - reducing the need to print out any activities. Where possible, teachers will upload any work the day before it needs to be completed so parents can have a look beforehand.

We appreciate that many of you have limited devices at home and that siblings (and parents working from home) may be competing for laptops. We highly recommend that pupils join the live Google Meet sessions each day but appreciate that this may not be possible for all. We have tried to provide a balance of live sessions, recorded videos etc. so that so that as many pupils as possible can access their learning throughout each day. Although we recommend that pupils try to stick to their timetable, and a regular routine of completing and submitting work, we recognise that some children may not be able to submit their work straight away at the end of each lesson (particularly if they need parental support). We ask that all work is submitted before the end of each day. **There may be a delay in teachers responding to work submitted late at the end of each day.**

If you are experiencing any difficulties with Google Classroom – please let us know and we'll try our best to solve any issues.

Parents' Evenings

Due to the current situation, our Parents' Evenings for this term will take place remotely on the following days this month:

Class	Dates
Lower Early Years (Nursery)	Thu 21 st and Fri 22 nd January
Upper Early Years (Reception)	Mon 18 th and Wed 20 th January
Year 1	Mon 18 th and Thu 21 st January
Year 2	Tue 19 th and Fri 22 nd January
Year 3	Wed 27 th and Fri 29 th January
Year 4	Mon 25 th and Tue 26 th January
Year 5	Wed 27 th and Fri 29 th January
Year 6	Mon 25 th and Thu 28 th January

Your child's class teacher will ring you (on your main contact number) between 2pm and 5.45pm on one of the days listed above. **You may receive a call from an 'Unknown Number'**. Please let our school office staff know if any of these days/times are not convenient.

These meetings will provide an opportunity to share the results of recent tests and to discuss strengths, targets and any planned support.

If your child has a special educational need, their class teacher will also discuss their updated support plan (IEP).

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns - please contact the school office who will arrange for your child's teacher to get in touch.

Workbooks: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We have purchased a set of CGP workbooks for all pupils in Reception (Upper Early Years), Year 1 and Year 2 to use at home. We have bought these books as it is often easier for our younger pupils to complete activities on paper - reducing the need to print any documents at home. If you haven't had the chance to collect your set of books yet – please come to the school office today between these times:

9am - 12pm

1pm - 3.15pm

Please collect your set of books by buzzing in at the main school entrance (off of Rockingham Close). From next week, teachers (in UEYs, Year 1 and Year 2) will set work to do from these books - via Google Classroom. Please don't ask your child to complete any pages that have not been set for them to do on Google Classroom. If you have any questions - please get in contact with our school office.

School Lunch Orders

Packed lunches can now be ordered from our school meals provider – the Pantry.

We need to ensure that all lunch orders that are on the system are for children who will be attending school and as such we ask that you:

1. Cancel/Untick all orders for next week (even if your child requires a lunch)
2. Save the changes (green button), then refresh the web page once cancelled
3. Re-order the meal for your child if your child is attending

This will allow us to see which orders have been placed and are needed. For those of you that are paid meals if you don't cancel your order then the food will be made, and a charge will be applied for the meal. For those of you that do not pay for your meals: If you don't cancel and then re-order then your food will either not be sent or will be sent in error causing waste at a time where so many families are struggling.

For this week only, **orders will be able to be placed up until 10pm on Sunday night for next week.** Following that, ordering will return to its usual Tuesday cut off for the following week.

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Please click on the link below for a free e-copy of the Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. We hope it helps in some way.

Stay safe,

The Family First Team

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