



St Mary's News 2020 September Issue 3

Dear Parents,

[Behaviour consistency - non negotiable](#) - Thank you to all parents for their backing, both verbally and through actions, this week, with regard to baseline expectations for behaviour on the school site. There are still a couple of children who think that they can “mess about with mum or dad”. They have been really sad when asked to spend the first part of break with me. After a free six months, we need to really re-establish safety and clear parameters. I look forward to your full co-operation.

[Masks now required on school site for parents](#) – Following on from the Ministerial broadcast earlier in the week, staff and Governors have made the decision to require parents, on school site, to wear masks when collecting and dropping their children off. I will not be policing this, folks - my role is to support staff and children. However, I trust that you will recognise the need to be safe amongst each other. You wearing a mask protects others; others wearing a mask protects you. We need to be team players, just like we were in March, May and June. Staff have been directed to avoid face to face conversations at the gate - please don't delay them. The office staff will willingly book a phone call or an appointment for you to discuss things safely.

[Office staff reserve the right to politely refuse to forward items that children and parents have forgotten to bring in to school](#)

This is part of resilience, Mums and Dads. It is interesting that it is not our children with special needs (or their parents) who forget. Please respect the already high workload of our secretarial staff - like you, they are very busy people. Thank you in anticipation.

Reminders

[Poppy Brass](#)- Mrs Amann is calling all musicians to support this lovely idea in the local community. Please see flyer attached.

[Homework](#) - Please retain class page logins for the future as they will be used regularly.

[Bikeability](#)- 20 Y6 children have now signed up. Please follow the directions on the separate letter.

[Y4 Reconciliation and Holy Communion](#)- Reminders that track and trace forms will need to be returned by Friday 2nd October. To date, we have received 1/3 of these.

[Reading books](#)- Please look out for the **Reading Books explained** letters, which will be emailed out to all parents tomorrow. The system has been completely overhauled. We look forward to really moving reading on again, for all children, with your support.

[The school twitter account](#) is back in use. Please see attached flyer We have many pictures that you may be missing out on.

[Medication update](#) Thank you to our Asthma and medication takers; parents are really on the ball this year! If you have forgotten, please hand in as soon as you can. Thanks Mrs Joyce for being so alert with these.

Coming soon ...

[KS2 Music lessons](#) – Violin lessons recommence on 29/9/20. All payments are via tutors' bank account direct, please.

[School fund](#)- Thank you! So far we have made just over £400 in School Fund, since the start of term. Please remember to give regularly, to support the “extras” which make learning that little bit more interesting. Thank you in anticipation. It is never too late 😊

[Democratic decision making linked to good behaviour](#)- £5 awards went to Y5 for resilience and Y4 for behaviour last week. Is there a pattern emerging here? Male teachers versus female teachers?

[Y6 parents - please be aware that Secondary School Admissions](#) are now open until 31st October. If you are unsure at all, please contact our two lovely office staff who give of their time so willingly.

[Virtual P.E challenges](#) Watch out for these on class pages again, children. Miss Wood is on the case!

Thought for the week:

*“Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by
name,
you are mine”.*
Isaiah 43:1-3

And Finally...

We welcome Miss Marsh into Y6, next week. We are sure that she will be a welcome addition to the SMA support staff.