



Autumn Term Return

There is a separate letter being sent out with this email / letter, which details St Mary's plans for opening to all pupils in the Autumn term. The arrangements are a development of the current model which has been working well over the past few weeks, with approximately half of the pupils attending school. The school will contact parents / carers before the start of term should further government guidance mean that we need to amend any of our plans. If not, we shall expect to see everyone on **Monday 7th September** for a fresh start!

Please let the school know if you are aware of anyone who is not receiving the latest information from the school. All letters are being sent out via email and posted on the school website.

Year 6 Leavers

Although it is not the end of term that we anticipated at the start of the academic year, we say farewell to our Year 6 Leavers next week. In such difficult times, we are unable to mark the day in the usual way, but staff and pupils will celebrate with a presentation for pupils during the afternoon.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who applied for the Torbay and Devon Civic Award this year – the presentations made by the pupils (virtually or in person) represent a lot of hard work and dedication to the school and local communities.

Pupils who have attended school this half term in Burrator have also managed to achieve the John Muir Award this year. Although our usual outdoor education programme has looked very different this year, I am pleased that the children have still been able to participate in such a worthwhile scheme.

We shall miss all of our Year 6 pupils next term but wish them all well at their new schools in September.

Non-Uniform Day

For those pupils attending school, we would like to invite everyone to come in 'mufti' or non-school uniform for the last day of term on Tuesday 21st July.

Reading Books

We are aware that there are a number of books at home which we would ideally like to gather back in before the start of the Autumn term to label and reintegrate into our reading book boxes. A box will be left tucked away by the pedestrian gate (by the roundabout) for any returns if anyone is passing or, alternatively, small books can be put in the postbox by the same gate. Both receptacles will be checked regularly throughout the holidays.

Safeguarding

Online Safety

Just a reminder that there is a new section on Parent Zone with updated information about keeping children safe online. This can be accessed from:

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>

There are also resources available on the ThinkUKnow website:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Mental Health Training

Creative Curriculum have produced some free online mental health modules which you may wish to sign up for. These are available from the following link:

https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/simple-self-soothe-strategies/?utm_source=Creative+Education+-+YouCan&utm_campaign=371d65d252-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_06_20_05_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dc3daf11ca-371d65d252-366218932#learndash-course-content

Prayer Focus

The latest online edition of the Wednesday Word, which covers the full school holidays, can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/6-summer-holiday-special-07?pid=MTA101634&v=1.1>

The word for this week is "Growing". Pope Francis says "We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather we journey and grow in a community, in a family." We live in a world where we see both good and bad and we can choose to be like wheat or weeds. We all make mistakes but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for the people who help us to grow in your love and please help us to keep growing in goodness.

Amen.

Free School Meals

The final vouchers for the end of term, along with the Summer Holiday Vouchers, have been ordered and will be distributed over the next couple of days via Royal Mail. The vouchers will be sent as signed for so please keep an eye out for them.

If your circumstances have changed during lockdown, information about Free School Meals can be found on:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Canal and River Trust

To encourage pupils to take part in outdoor activities, the Canal and River Trust have put together some ideas on their website which might be of interest over the summer:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/children/lets-go-outdoors>

Home Learning

IXL

Unfortunately our subscription to IXL has now expired so I know that some people have been unable to logon. A new subscription has been purchased by the Academy Trust but unfortunately we have had a gap in service. As soon as we are able, we will issue pupils with individual logins.

Learning packs

The final learning packs for the term will be uploaded this week. Hopefully, you have found them useful during lockdown.

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 3rd December 2020

We have received the following information from Virgin Care Services Limited:-

If your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020, they will be eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October and December 2020, (*St Mary's is booked for Thursday 3rd December*) and will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

School Age Immunisations Team