

# Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

Dear Parents and Friends

## Tough fortnight!

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding over the last couple of weeks as we have been faced with the challenge of managing positive cases in our school. I sincerely apologise for not always getting the most up to date information out to you but hopefully, with support from Public Health Dorset, we have remedied that. I would also like to thank the staff who have gone out of their way to ensure the children continue to enjoy their learning both in school and at home.

Currently the guidance is:

### If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFD or PCR test result

If you develop any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate immediately.

If you have a positive LFD or PCR test result but do not have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results. You should do this even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Other people in your household might need to self-isolate too. Please see below for information on what the other members of your household need to do.



## How to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have COVID-19.

If you have COVID-19, there is a high risk that others in your household will catch it from you. There are several things you can do to reduce the spread of infection in your household.

- 1** Limit close contact with others. Spend as little time as possible in communal areas.



- 2** Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces and shared rooms like kitchens and bathrooms.



- 3** Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, particularly after coughing and sneezing.



- 4** Get help where possible from those you live with. Ask for help with cleaning and being brought food safely to avoid unnecessary contact.



- 5** Use a face covering if you need to spend time in shared spaces.



- 6** Keep rooms well ventilated.



- 7** Catch coughs and sneezes in disposable tissues and put them straight in the bin.



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## Safety in the car park



As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, please be vigilant for young children when in the car park. Parents, please ensure you have your children close to you when dropping off and picking up. Thank you.

## PTFA

Message from our Chair – Michelle:

A huge thank you to the Crown Inn, Marnhull for their very generous donation of £170, raised through their raffle. The children are creating a thank you card from the school.

We are still waiting to hear back from the book fair regarding the total amount raised – thank you to everyone who helped out each day and thank you to those of you who bought books.

Our next meeting was due to be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, but we postponed this until after half term – date to be confirmed. If you have any ideas for future events or fundraising, please let Michelle know.

## Message from Roland Martin at Rotary Gillingham

Dear All Participants,

*I thought you would be interested to see the first pictures from our Christmas Shoebox Appeal from Korce in Albania. I think you will agree seeing the children's faces makes it all worthwhile.*

*In anticipation and wishing all best wishes for 2022.*





## School Uniform

Please can you ensure your child attends to school with appropriate school uniform – there continues to be a lot of trainers and boots being worn. We have lots of pre-loved uniform – please enquire at the office.



### Winter Wear

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medium grey long trousers or shorts</li><li>• Red school sweatshirt with school logo</li><li>• White button through shirt</li><li>• Tie – red with blue stripes</li><li>• Grey socks</li><li>• Sensible black or dark brown shoes. <b>No trainers or boots</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medium grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers</li><li>• Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo</li><li>• White button through shirt</li><li>• Tie – red with blue stripes</li><li>• Sensible black or dark brown shoes. <b>No trainers or boots</b></li></ul>

## Parents Evening

We will be having live, face to face parents' meetings on:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 3:30 – 5:30pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 5-7pm**

Please contact teachers directly through **Class Dojo**

requesting your preferential day and an hour slot, from which you will be allocated a 10 minute appointment. The meetings will take place in classrooms, but please note that Miss Smith will be situated in Mr Young's classroom as well. The teachers are very excited to speak to you about how your child is settling in and what their learning focus will be.



## Safer Internet day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### What is Safer Internet Day?



**Safer Internet Day is on 8th February 2022. It's celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, and creatively whilst making the most of their relationships online.**



Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child – whether that's by using some of the quick activities in this pack, asking your child what they like to do online, or using their favourite app or game with them. You can also support Safer Internet Day on social media, tell your friends and family about the day, or ask your child for their top tips for staying safe online. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/>

## Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400\* a year!

\*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.

YOU COULD  
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Check if you're  
eligible and start  
saving today!

Head to:  
[www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

Or speak to your  
school office.

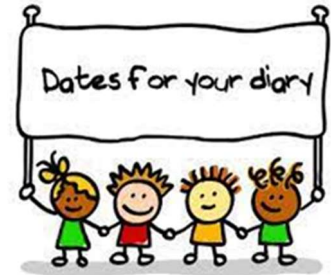




**Please follow us on Twitter @stmarysmarnhull** – it would be great to increase the number of followers we have.

**Dates for your diary:**

- **Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day**
- **Monday 14th February – parents' meetings**
- **Wednesday 16th February – parents' meetings**
- **Friday 18th February – last day of Spring Half term**
- **Monday 28th February – INSET Day**
- **Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday service**
- **Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day**
- **Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day**
- **Friday 8th April – last day of Spring term**



God Bless

Sharon Betts  
Headteacher