



St Mary's Catholic Academy

Newsletter No.7 – Monday 7th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Teachers are looking forward to catching up with you this week about your child's progress and well-being at school. Please know that we are here to support you too if you have anything we may be able to support you with.

Dates for your diary

Tu 8 th , Wed 9 th Feb	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Tues 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 11 Feb	School closed - INSET
Mon 21 st Feb	School re-opens
Wed 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day
Mon 14 th March	Science Week

Internet Safety Day

Tues 8th Feb



St Mary's children will be talking about Internet Safety this week. This is something we regularly talk about in school. Talk to your child about what they have been learning and ways they can remain safe when on devices at home.

Challenging times!

On the news every day we hear experts describe how the cost of living is increasing (food, gas, electricity, petrol, VAT, interest rates). This will affect everybody for some time to come. I want to let you know that school staff are here to support in any way we can if you are struggling, particularly for food and the heating of your home.

If you would like to talk to someone about any worries or concerns you have, please get in touch. You can do this by:

- Emailing school admin@smca.nottingham.sch.uk
- Telephoning the office 0115 9151799
- Popping by the school office
- Clare Hodgkinson and Bev Francis will be available for a drop-in chat during parents' meetings on Wednesday afternoon 1pm – 3pm



In school recently, we have been reminding our children of the bible reading from Corinthians which describes that we are all part of one body in Christ – one community. It is so important that we support each other in times of need. Please let us help you. We can listen. We can sign post you to support agencies, to foodbanks and we will also begin a foodbank in school as of Wednesday.

If you feel you are able, please donate food items to school. I have suggested items below:

- Cereal (supermarket own brands are cheaper)
- Pasta
- Rice
- Sauces e.g. pasta sauce, sweet and sour
- Tinned fruit / vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned meat
- Toilet roll
- Tooth paste
- Shower gel

A poster will be sent out this week with further suggestions.

Please only contribute if you are sure you are able.



GDPR / Permission to Use your Child's Data

Our data permission survey needs to be completed for each child at St Mary's. We need to ensure we have permission to use your child's information as you so wish. Can we use your child's photo on our website? If we attend an event, can your child be interviewed by a radio /TV reporter for their public use? Please complete this questionnaire as soon as possible so we can follow your up to date requests. **Thank you for the 30 entries from parents / carers who have managed to submit this form so far!**

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/z8KFVGDgUg>

No Mobile Phones



Please can I remind parents and carers that mobile phones must not be used on the school premises at the beginning and end of the school day.

Collecting Children from School

We have a few parents that collect other children belonging to another family **regularly** from school. This is agreed with the class teacher at the start of the year.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure this communication is clear to everyone involved in the child's collection, each day. It is also helpful if your child is clear who is collecting them at the end of the school day.

Parents Consultations

Tuesday 8th February and Wednesday 9th February

When you attend your meeting, please follow the guidance below:

- Arrive only 5 minutes before your meeting time
- Wear a face mask
- Take a lateral flow before attending
- Use sanitiser on the way in



Two parents / carers can attend. If you arrive more than 5 minutes before your time slot, you will be asked to wait outside. You will only be allowed to enter school 5 minutes before your meeting. When you arrive in school, please take a seat on the chairs provided near the class teacher you are waiting for. Any young siblings must remain with the adult and must not run around the hall.

Time keeping is essential to ensure there is not a build up of people in the hall. If you feel you have concerns or questions and have not managed to discuss them in the time given, a follow-up meeting may be arranged in exceptional circumstances.

Parent Governor Vacancy – Ballot

The ballot will close on 21st February. Please submit your vote if you haven't already.

Thank you for your on-going support. Have a lovely, restful half term when it arrives.

Kind regards,
Anne-Marie Bell