



St Mary's Catholic Academy

Newsletter No.1 – 6th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. A little more sunshine would have been nice, but it is good to see the children have returned safe and well. A special **welcome** to all our new children and families who have joined us in Foundation 1 and 2 and to a few children across the school - we look forward to watching you grow and develop over the coming years. I was overwhelmed with how brave and grown up the F2 children were as they entered school last week. Parents, you have obviously prepared them well. Thank you.

This newsletter provides some early information about the school year. Please read it carefully so you are well informed about all that's going on in school.

Dates for your diary

Fri 10 th Sept	Y3 & Y6 visit New Art Exchange
Mon 13 th Sept	Y6 Secondary School Transfers out
Tu 5 th & Wed 6 th Oct	Parents' Evening – letter to follow
Fri 15 th Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 1 st Nov	Return to school
Th 4 th Nov	School photographs

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school with nut allergies. **It is essential that no food is brought in to school with nuts in.** Please check food labels well.



Attendance and Punctuality

Every child should attend school each day if at all possible. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school by 8:50am, so they can enter class on time. The school gate will be locked each day at 8:55am. If your child arrives late, you must sign them in at the school office.

They should not enter school alone.

We are so pleased to see families gather to chat and catch up on the playground once again. I hope you feel just as happy now this opportunity has returned. Some people feel comfortable continuing to wear a mask. Please respect their wishes and give each other space. If you are named as a 'close contact', we request that you do wear a mask on the school site, to protect other families.

MyEd and +Pay

Goodness, the new communication and pay system we have adopted has come with its challenges! Thank you for your patience. For those of you who have a computing interest, we are experiencing disconnections between our server and MyEd which means the two intermittently stop communicating with each other. Now we are aware of the issue, we are monitoring it closely.

Please try to log on to MyEd via the app this evening if possible. A few important tips to keep in mind:

- Download the app and wait 24 hours before attempting to log in.
- If you experience an error, delete the app and reload it, before trying again.

Anyone struggling with the app is encouraged to contact school or pop in to the school office on Wednesday 8th September when Mrs Webb will be available to support you.

From Monday 13th September, all school dinner orders must be placed through the app. If you do not order a meal via the app, it will be assumed that your child is having a packed lunch - provided from home.

Again, I thank you for your patience with this transition.



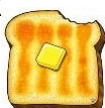
Birthday treats

It is a kind tradition that children bring sweets for their class when it is their birthday. **This is not expected at all.** But please, if doing so, a small bag of sweets is plenty. No party bags - this is too much!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 7:50am and the last entry to have breakfast is at 8:30am. Please pre-book to ensure there is space.



Flu Immunisations Rec (F2) – Y6

These will take place on 7th October. Watch out for an e-mail early next week. I feel the immunisation this year may be more important than ever as we were not in school for a significant time last winter. Please consider signing your child up for the good of your child and the health of the school community.

Uniform

Children have started the school term looking smart - there are just a few reminders. Please ensure your child wears a sky-blue **shirt** – **not a polo shirt**. Jumpers should be **v-neck** so the school tie can be seen clearly. Earrings should be small studs and headbands/clips must be simple and the school colours – no bright colours or large decorated bobbles. Thank you.

Thank you

Mr Tye returned to St. Mary's in the Pentecost Term to help the children with the school gardening on a Friday afternoon. The children absolutely love these sessions and we are very grateful to Mr Tye for sharing his skills with the children. We look forward to further sessions with him this term.



Forest Schools

It is very exciting that Miss Park is leading Forest School sessions on Friday mornings. She will be working with Year 1 this half term. Enjoying the outdoors, learning, exploring and playing is so important for the children's development.



Parent and Visitor Code of Conduct

All visitors including parents/carers are expected to:

Speak kindly to staff and each other

Live by our school values

Bring children to school on time

Make an appointment if concerns arise

If you wish to make an appointment to see a class teacher, please contact the school office by telephone or email. Teaching staff do not have time in the morning to speak to families, but may have time after school for short chats.

Telephone: 0115 9151799

Email: admin@smca.nottingham.sch.uk

Here to help

It has been lovely to speak to many of you on the playground since school has reopened.

I hope you and your children are happy that the new term has begun and are starting to get back into a routine.

Please make an appointment with the school office if the need arises to speak to me. Your child's class teacher should be your first port of call but I am here if you need anything further than the support they can offer.

I look forward to serving you and your families this year.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie Bell