



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021

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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you had a good half term break with your family. Thank you very much to you all for continuing with your fantastic engagement with online learning. It would be easy to lose momentum as you may think your child will be back at school soon, but every lesson counts! We are delighted that your engagement and support with this has continued. We hope your children are enjoying the even more varied timetables and the extra assembly we are having. Best wishes from Mr Webb and Mrs Jackson

All pupils to return to school on Monday 8th March...

We are delighted to be able to reopen school fully again for all pupils from **Monday 8th March**. We will be emailing you a letter about this on Monday 1st March so please do look out for this. In the letter we will be giving you important information about arrangements for all pupils returning so please read this letter carefully. Contact the school office on 020 7372 6565 or email admin@stmarykilburn.camden.sch.uk if you have any questions.

There are not many changes and therefore children should expect school to feel similar to the Autumn term. We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back!

Most children have been at home for what may feel like a very long time to them.

Your child may have got out of a routine for school during the lockdown and may face some challenges in getting back into one.

It is helpful to start preparing them to return to school:

- Start talking about going to school and drop it into conversations regularly.
- Take a walk past school
- Be calm and positive
- Remind them of what they can look forward to—favourite lessons, friends, teachers.
- Build up the sleep routine they will need for school (especially if they've become used to staying up late!)
- Put on school uniform and tell them how smart they look (they could even start wearing this for their online lessons!)

You can find more information in the leaflet we have sent out with this newsletter and at these websites:

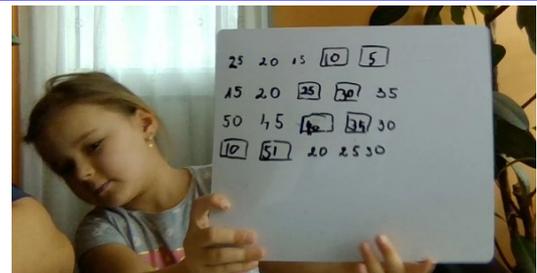
- barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/back-to-school
- mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/returning-school-after-lockdown/tips-parents-carers-return-to-school



Year 2 have been drawing self-portraits.

Vikram said: "I love this, can we have art more often?"

It's a bit tricky teaching art online. Once you're back to school you'll have art lessons every week!



Year 1 have been counting in 5s. Viktoria has found the missing numbers to complete the sequences.

Important dates for your diary.....

Monday 8th March—All pupils return to school

Friday 19th March—Red Nose Day—Pupils can buy a red nose from school

Wednesday 31st March—last day of term

Thursday 1st April—**Friday 16th April**—Easter break



Important information for Year 6 parents regarding secondary transfer...

You will be informed by your home local authority of the outcome of secondary schools applications on **Monday 1st March**. If you applied online, you should get an email with the outcome of your application during the evening.

New Secondary School



It is wise to accept any offer that is made, even if it is not your first choice. Your child will be placed on the waiting list for any schools you listed as a higher priority. Most children end up being offered their first choice even if they are not offered it at first. If you would like any advice before, please call to speak to Mr Webb.

Informing us if anyone in your household tests positive for coronavirus

If your child or anyone in your household is tested for coronavirus and receives a positive test result, please do let us know by email to admin@stmarykilburn.camden.sch.uk so that we know that your child may not be able to join online learning and that we can check in with you to see if everything is ok.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough



high temperature



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

A Wellbeing tip for parents... "Radical self-acceptance"



This is the ability to accept everything about yourself and your life without question, blame, or disappointment.

We are all doing the best we can in these challenging times so it's about time we take some of the pressure off ourselves.

Manage those expectations about what is achievable right now and be proud of all of the small things you are doing!

NHS Dental health advice for parents

If you have questions and would like some advice about your child's teeth please join one of the Zoom meetings below led by Nicola Ramnarine from Camden oral health team:



- **Tuesday 2nd March 2021 10:00am**
- **Monday 8th March 2021 1:00pm**

[Click here for Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 387 155 1941

Passcode: 5f07nZ

Our prayer...

Last week, Ash Wednesday began the period of Lent.



God, our Father,
Every year we have the forty days of Lent
to come closer to you.
Help us to thank you, and to love you
and to listen to you every day of Lent.
Amen.

Vouchers...

If your child has Free School Meals, then we have ordered supermarket vouchers to cover school lunches for the week beginning 22nd February and week beginning 1st March.

You should have received an email on Wednesday 24th February from Edenred this week with a code to claim supermarket vouchers. Please check your emails, including your 'junk' or 'spam' folder.

Contact the school office if you have not received the email.

These vouchers will stop once children return to school on 8th March and can have their lunch in school.

