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NEWSLETTER

Monday 30th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I do hope that you are all well and getting ready to adjust to life under the new tiered system. I am really aware that for some of us, home circumstances and/or work circumstances might have changed recently. If this is the case and you require some additional support in any way, please do let us know and we will do our best to help. We can support with such issues as accessing food banks, applying for free-school meals or signposting to mental health or other support services. We are all in this together and we will do whatever we can to help our families.

Advent Liturgy – Wednesday 2nd December at 9am - Years 1-6

As we approach the season of Advent, the children have been busily preparing an amazing virtual Advent liturgy (filmed in bubbles) for you all to enjoy. We will be emailing you the link to watch on the evening of Tuesday 1st December. All year groups will be participating and we hope you will enjoy sharing our liturgy with us by watching.

Reminder of INSET days

The next two INSET days are on Friday 4th December and Monday 4th January. School will be closed to all pupils, should you require childcare please contact Marie at Kidzone.

Book collection for school fires

Thank you for your generous donations of books for supporting St Mary's. They will now be delivered on Weds 2nd Dec.

Maintaining Social Distancing at the end of the school day

As we move into the new tiered system, we continue to require **all adults** to wear masks (unless medically exempt) during drop off and collection of pupils. Let's also make sure that we continue to:

- **Whilst waiting on the playground areas, please do not allow your children to run around the playground or mix more widely, they need to stand next to you and then be ready to leave the site promptly.**

Adverse Weather Conditions

Please do send your children to school with hats, gloves and coats (named) so that they can continue to access outdoor learning and play. I do not anticipate that we should need to close school due to snowy conditions any time soon, but if this is ever the case, we shall contact you as close to 7am as possible on the day of closure (or earlier if possible) via a text message. Our website will also prominently display this information on our homepage.

Winter School Uniform

In snowy/wet weather, boots may be worn to school but must be changed for school shoes before lessons begin. You may also want to allow your child to wear extra layers such as a long-sleeved vest underneath their school shirt or their school fleece along with their winter coat. Windows will continue to be open during lessons in order to maintain ventilation in the classrooms during the pandemic.



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Winter PE Kit

Outdoor PE will still take place during the colder months, but children are allowed to wear black plain jogging bottoms and their PE sweatshirt. They should also wear their yellow polo shirt underneath. Please do ensure all items are labelled. Many thanks!

E-Safety Information – Twitch

What is Twitch?

Twitch is a website where users can watch videos and live streams of other users (known as 'broadcasters'), typically playing computer games. They can also live stream themselves. The minimum age to use it is 13, but it's easy to sign up if you're younger.

What's the problem?

- Live streaming makes it harder to censor what people share or what language they use, so your child could be exposed to bullying content, or content that's inappropriate for their age.
- The chat function means strangers could talk to your child. Twitch is one of the main platforms used to 'groom' children (where an adult builds a relationship with a child to manipulate, exploit and abuse them)

5 steps to help keep you child safe on Twitch

1. **Find out what your child is watching** - Try watching together at first, or find out what channels they're watching and research them yourself. This will help you see whether what they're watching is age appropriate.
2. **Encourage your child to only talk to people they know** - Anyone could pretend to be a child or teenager online, so encourage your child not to talk privately to people they don't know in real life. If they do talk to people they don't know, for example in group chats, tell them not to give out information that could identify them, such as their school name or the name of the street you live on.
3. **Restrict content in chat** - This will make it less likely that your child will see inappropriate content, though no filter is perfect. In browser, start watching a channel, then click the cog icon in the bottom left > under 'My preferences' click 'Chat filters' > tick 'Enable filtering in chat' > tick the filters you want to enable. On the app, start watching a stream, then tap the video > tap the cog icon at the top right of the video > under 'Chat options' tap 'Enable filtering in chat' > tick 'Enable filtering in chat' > tick the filters you want to enable. These settings will apply to other channels too.
4. **Block private messages from strangers** - Your child can block private messages (known as 'whispers') from strangers. To do this, go to the 'Privacy' section of the 'Security and privacy' page, and tick to block messages from strangers.
5. **Make sure your child knows how to report and block people** - Twitch's community guidelines ban behaviour like threats of violence, hateful conduct and harassment, spam, and sexual content. Knowing how to report or block people breaking these rules will help your child and others stay safe.

Report content from a broadcaster

In the bottom right on the website, below the video player, click the 3-dot icon > click 'Report' > fill in the report form with a description of the issue.

On mobile, the 3-dot icon is next to the 'Whisper' and 'Friend' buttons on iOS and in the top right corner on Android. Choose 'Report' > select the report reason > type a description in the description field > tap 'Send'.

Report and block users from chat

Click on a user's name in a chat > click the 3 dot icon > 'Report' (or 'Block') > fill in the report form. On mobile, tap on the username > select 'Report' (or 'Block') from the menu > select why you're reporting them > type in a report reason > tap 'Send'. Report and block users from whispers Click the cog button in the top right of the whisper window, and then select the most appropriate option from 'Block user' or 'Report user'.

On mobiles, tap the cog wheel next to the username you want to report or block from inside the whisper screen > select 'Report' or 'Block'. If you're reporting, you can then choose the appropriate reason.

What else can I do?

- Encourage your child to talk to you if someone says something upsetting or hurtful to them, or if they see something they find upsetting.
- Look for signs they may be being bullied online, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep.
- Tell our school about any online bullying your child experiences.

Our Christmas Plans in this 'new normal'!

The following Christmas events will proceed as planned.

Thursday 11 th December	Children's Christmas dinner day.
Friday 18 th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation

Thank you to the generosity of the St Elizabeth's Association, they have made sure all classes will have decorations and Christmas crackers in order for the Christmas dinners (in bubbles) to feel even more festive! Thank you to Mrs Nightingale for collecting and delivering the decorations!

Christmas Dinner – Thursday 10th December

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 10th December. All parents are welcome to book a Christmas dinner for their child/ren at the normal price. Key Stage 1 children are already entitled to a free school meal, but do let us know if your child is ordinarily sandwiches so that we can order enough meals. If you would like to book a Christmas dinner for your child, please contact the office or class teacher via email as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events – 2020/2021

Friday 4th December: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Friday 10 th December:	Christmas lunch	All pupils
Friday 18 th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation for our Parish	All pupils and staff
Saturday 19 th December	First Holy Communion	Our Lady's, Belper
Monday 21st December – Fri 1st January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 4 th January 2021	INSET	School Closed
Tuesday 5 th January	All pupils return	All pupils
Weds 6 th January	Epiphany Mass	All pupils – a virtual event
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Lent Half term	School Closed
Monday 22 nd February	All pupils return	All pupils
Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 19 th April	All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term	All pupils
Monday 3 rd May: All day	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	All Year 6 pupils
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Pentecost Half ter	School Closed
Monday 7 th June	All pupils return	All pupils
Thursday 22 nd July 2021 INSET	Summer Holidays	School Closed