

21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for making me so welcome, on my return to St Mary and St Peter Primary School. It is great to be back, and lovely to see how those children here three years ago have grown and developed!

I have met with several of you already – please contact Mrs. Coe in the office, should you wish to make an appointment to see me.

New Members of Staff:

Welcome to Miss Ballanger, Mrs Rampersaud and Mrs Ridgwell, who have joined us in Reception, Year 4 and as Special Needs Co-ordinator, respectively. I hope they enjoy being part of the school community.

New Head of School:

I am pleased to inform you that, following the interviews last week, in which the pupils on the Junior Leadership Team did themselves and their parents proud, an appointment was made.

Ms A Goddard will be joining SMSP, as Head of School, after the Easter holiday, to complete the leadership team.

As advised by Mrs. Crane, Mrs. H Armstrong will join as Executive Headteacher of both this school and St Mary's, Lowestoft, on 28th February. In addition, both schools will have its own Head of School, in our case Ms Goddard.

We look forward to welcoming both to the St Mary and St Peter community.

Parents' Evenings:

These are planned for:

Monday, 7th February (All classes, except Year 4)

Wednesday, 9th February (All classes)

Thursday, 10th February (Year 4 only)

The format is yet to be determined, whether face-to-face, on-line video, or both. We will be in touch with further details, once the latest COVID-19 advice and risk assessments have been considered. More information will follow.

Reading:

Please remember to encourage your child to read at home, daily. Reading percentages are announced each week, as part of the Praise Assembly – each child regularly reading helps towards these totals and the treat for the winning class.



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Stars of the Week:

Congratulations to the following Stars of the Week, who have received certificates since the start of term: Willow, Yuvraj, Grace, Jaxon, Anto, John, Harrison, Miriam, Zoe, Amelia, Jay, Lacey, Madalena, Amy, Beau, Eden, Hannah, Jenson, Matilda, Hannah, Annabelle, Dylan and Margarida. Very Well done to all!

Also, congratulations to our Star Writers: Bowie, Harry, Flora, Lewis, Finlay, Nitheish, Leon, Willow, Jenny, Olivia, Holly, Isla and Bonnie.

Fire Drill:

This was undertaken last week and I am pleased to report that the building was evacuated quickly and sensibly.

Snow:

Should we be 'lucky' to have snow this term, if it is safe to do so, the pupils will be given the opportunity to play in it during break times, if wearing suitable clothes and footwear. Please therefore send your children with the necessary hats, clothes, boots/old trainers, etc.

Bad Weather Closures:

If it is necessary to close the school because of bad weather, the usual procedure will be followed. This will be by text message or on the school app. If you have not already signed up to the school app please do so urgently as all school information is sent this way together with emails. Updates on school closures are also given on local radio stations or check the Norfolk County Council Closures website.

COVID-19:

Thank you for wearing masks, when on site, and for following the on-way system around school when dropping-off and collecting your children.

The 'Bubble' system has worked well so far. We will review the situation in school regularly to determine when to dispense with (or 'Pop'!) the Bubbles. We recommend if there are cases in your child's class that you do regular Lateral flow tests. Please remember to report these tests as per the instructions in the box of Lateral flows. If your lateral flow is positive **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS IS REPORTED**. If you are unsure please contact 119 and not the school office.

After School clubs for next week – same arrangements as this week- 1 key worker club per night. We will inform you when this changes

Covid Meals during isolation- Children entitled to FSM may have a food parcel provided by school. Please contact the office if you require this and arrangements can be made. This applies only if your child is isolating with Covid.

Reception and nursery parents are reminded to follow the one way system to prevent build up near Year 1 classroom.

Diary Dates:

10/02/22	Class photographs
14 th to 18 th February	Half term. Children return on 21 st February
25 th February	Swimming starts for year three
4 th April to 19 th April	Easter holidays. Children return on 20 th April
2 nd May	Bank holiday
30 th May to 3 rd June	Whitsun Holidays. Children return on 6 th June
27 th June to 29 th June	Year six visit to Eaton Vale. If you have not done so already please pay first instalment on Wisepay

Vacancies from the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust:

I have been asked to inform you of the following job vacancies:

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city?

We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy.

For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or visit website: www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk

Ideally, this post is from the start of the summer term 2022 but we accept it may have to be in the autumn

Trust Clerk vacancy – We are seeking a Clerk to minute and provide professional support to the Directors' Board and Local Governing Body (LGBs) meetings across 7 of our schools. This is a part-time flexible role, with time demands that will alter from week to week. This post may suit someone who wishes to balance relatively full weeks with others where they are largely commitment free, all published well in advance to allow for planning.

This position has been re-advertised.

For an application form and further details including a job description and person specification, please visit our website at www.stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk

- For an informal discussion about the role, please contact John Eady: jeady@ndhs.org.uk

Alan Williams

Interim Headteacher