

To all our parents/carers and especially our children, a massive well done for this week. We would all have loved to have been together as a whole school but sadly at the moment that can not be the case. Parents/carers, once again you are doing a brilliant job returning to the role of 'Home school teacher'. We know it is not easy, however we will continue to do all we can to support you with our remote learning, organising resources for home and encouragement (when it is needed). Our amazing children have once again shown (whether in rainbow club or at home) that they are incredibly resilient, hard working and positive when they would have every reason not to be! We miss them and we will be sending them a letter next week to check in and let them know that they continue to be in our thoughts.

Mr Lincoln and the staff team.

1. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to any queries before contacting the office.
- **Emails:** use office@stnm.org.uk to contact the school with queries – please include your child's class.
- **Positive Test Email:** please only use the email positivetest@stnm.org.uk to report a positive COVID test result.
- **School Office:** the office is currently closed. Please refer to the school website for information or email office@stnm.org.uk if you have any queries.
- **Calendar:** term dates, upcoming events etc. This can be filtered by year group to help you find dates relevant to you. Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **Letters/Emails sent home this week:** click on the link for past letters: <http://www.stnicolasmmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>

2. WORSHIP & ETHOS: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

The Fruits of the Spirit assemblies are still available to view on YouTube in case you missed any!
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVs_954b4yEOTi5sAhKhGKw

3. RAINBOW CLUB:

- **PE:** Please bring in a change of footwear for any outdoor activities.
- **Drop-off and Pick-up times:** with reduced numbers of children on site we are able to change the drop off and pick up times to ensure parents/carers do not need to wait longer on the playground than is needed.

Please see the table below:

Class/Group/Bubble	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery	9.00am	3.00pm
Reception	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 1	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 4	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 5	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 6	8.40am	3.10pm

4. **Congratulations to Mrs Christy on the safe arrival of her second daughter. Lois Rebecca Christy was born at 11.04pm on New Years Day, weighing 8lb 2oz!**
5. **GOOGLE CLASSROOM and Remote Learning:**
- We wanted to say a huge thank you for all the positive comments that have come in from parents regarding the childrens, and for many teachers, introduction to google classroom this week. We have really appreciated the support of parents, and teachers have loved being able to see the children on screen. We do acknowledge that with anything new there will be areas to improve, which is why we are collating together ideas and we over the coming days will be sharing these with parents either via your child's teacher or to the whole school community.
 - We are aware that some of our families may have a PS4 or an XBOX in the house. We have found a really useful set of instructions (see below) to show how either of these devices can be used to access Google Classrooms (particularly useful if you have more than one child at home/both yourselves and your child are trying to work at the same time!) You may find that you need a separate USB keyboard and if you do need one, school has a very small supply that we would be able to loan out to families (please only request one if the use of either games device is the only option for google classroom rather than an added extra.).
 - Could we please ask you to ensure that any posts are only made during the school day (8.45am - 5.15pm). Teachers have been receiving notifications at all hours of the day and night and it is vital for the well being of both staff and pupils that they work according to 'normal' school hours.
 - **Twinkl Online Resources:** The online teaching resource website Twinkl have set up Twinkl Go! which has thousands of free activities available to assist with home learning. You can find out more at www.twinkl.co.uk/go
 - **BBC Bitesize Daily:** From Monday to Friday, you'll be able to watch Bitesize Daily on BBC Red Button from 9am to 11am, and again on BBC iPlayer. You can find out more at www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
6. **COOL MILK and FRUIT & VEGETABLE SCHEME:** In light of the recent government announcement, the Cool Milk and school's fruit and vegetable scheme delivery has been cancelled with immediate effect and no future orders will be generated until further notice. Any paying parents (if applicable) will be automatically credited for this period. This credit will show on any future pre-payment requests.
7. **HOT SCHOOL MEALS:** All children who attend school during the lockdown period will be able to have a hot school meal for lunch. If your child hasn't previously had hot meals in school and they have a special diet, please follow this [link](#) to the school website for guidance and to find out how to notify Chartwells. Chartwells have applied a credit for all booked KS2 paid meals. These credits will remain in the system for future use. If parents want to talk to our support team, or request a refund, our emails and phone lines are being supported as usual. The email address is 73041@compass-group.co.uk
8. **FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** Children in all years who are entitled to Free School Meals, who are not attending school, will be able to collect a weekly food parcel from next week*. Further details of collection days/times will be sent out as soon as possible next week to parents/carers of eligible children. Parents/carers will need to adhere to all current social distancing measures. Please bring a reusable shopping bag to transport the goods back home. The Chartwells food parcel items will all be ambient apart from cheese which will need to be stored in your fridge. There are currently no plans for a term time Government FSM voucher scheme although vouchers are likely to be provided during the February Half term holiday. *Please note that this doesn't apply to children in YR, Y1 and Y2 who receive 'Universal Infant Free School Meals'.
9. **OCTOPUS BREAKFAST & STARFISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**
- **Bookings for the first half of the spring term:** Sessions for the first half of the spring term can be booked for those children attending school during the current lockdown. You can do ad-hoc bookings and do not need to book the whole term in advance; however bookings are subject to availability on a first come first served basis. We will still require 4 weeks notice of any cancellations.

- **Little Octopus and Little Starfish Clubs:** we currently do not run Little Octopus and Little Starfish Clubs for children in Little Fishes Nursery but, due to the current situation, this is under review.

10. VIRTUAL SPORT CHALLENGES

- Shoreham Primary Schools Sports have restarted their 'Stay at Home Virtual Games' which will involve the students using household objects or clothing to complete challenges. The first can be found on the website <https://primarysport.shoreham-academy.org> under the About tab and then 'Stay at Home Virtual Games'. It involves 20 challenges for catching a pair of rolled up socks which get progressively harder. A video explains and shows what to do. The challenges are suitable for all children from Reception up to Year 6 and beyond. The children have 2 weeks to achieve their highest level and then their scores should be submitted via the form on the Shoreham Schools website. These challenges will be levelled so children from EYFS all the way through to Year 13s can access them and have a little fun. Keep an eye on the Shoreham schools website for our participation chart and individual successes after the completion of each challenge. This is for everyone under 18 so if you have little ones (or big ones) at home that do not go to our primary school, let them have a go and select the 'other' option on the school attended tab on the submission form. Do have a go and enter your score. The more entries: the higher our participation score.
- The Year 5 and 6 Fitness Challenge results are LIVE on the website under the results tab. Check out our children who finished in the top 3 positions for each challenge under the 'student praise tab'. You can also see our dance submission there under 'Key Stage 1 and 2 Virtual Games'.

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- 11. ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021:** the deadline for applications for children who will be starting primary school in September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Parents/Carers must apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. If you are applying for a place at St Nicolas & St Mary school you must also complete the Supplementary Information form and Church Form (if relevant) which can be found on our website: [Admissions Information for September 2021](#)



Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

If so they are eligible to start
school in September 2021.

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient
and timesaving. If your
application is received after
the deadline of Friday 15
January 2021 your chance
of securing a place at one of
your preference schools could
be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday
5 October 2020. If you would like
further advice or information contact:

03330 142 903

Free internet access to apply
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



www.westsussex.gov.uk

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HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:

Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>

8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.





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