

Thank you for all the wonderfully positive and encouraging emails, letters, gold stars and cards that we have received over the last two weeks. Staff have really appreciated these and it has been a pleasure to share them. Please do say hi to your children from all of us, and tell them to continue persevering – they (and you) are doing brilliantly.

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:** 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.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>
 - Increasing Mobile Data - please see this letter for information about increasing mobile data and who is eligible

2. WORSHIP & ETHOS: *Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* **Matthew 22:37**

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

- **Icy conditions:** Please take care in the playground and footpaths as it can get very slippery on the ice.

4. GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

Please do look on our school website Home Learning section for updated information on how to support your child with google classrooms. This includes information about how to upload work.
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=1569>

5. HOME LEARNING

- **Useful Links and Resources:** please do look at the Useful Links and Resources section on our Home Learning section of the school website for additional resources to use alongside Google Classroom.
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Useful+Links+and+Resources&pid=1415>
- **Perform:** Perform is running online drama, dance and singing classes during the lockdown via Zoom. More information can be found on their website If you are interested in finding out more or signing up for a free taster class <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>

6. FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

We can confirm that we will be returning to the FSM Edenred voucher system from this week. Parents of eligible children should soon receive a voucher in their email inbox covering the two week period for weeks commencing 18th and 25th January. The entitlement is for a £15 voucher per child per week. If your child is attending school 5 days per week, you will not receive a voucher as your child can have their meal in school. If your child is attending school for some of the week the value of the voucher will be reduced to reflect this. You will receive one voucher for all your children e.g. if you have two children, not in school, you will receive a voucher for the value of £60 (2 children x £15 x 2 weeks). Parents will need to follow the instructions to convert their voucher into a gift card for the supermarket of their choice. Please convert your vouchers promptly as they expire after one month.

For more information and help please click [here](#) to access the Parent/carer visual user guide and click [here](#) for the Parent/carer FAQ's.

7. **COOL MILK and FRUIT & VEGETABLE SCHEME:** We are pleased to announce that Cool Milk and the vegetable scheme has been reinstated and deliveries will commence from Monday. Cool Milk are able to resume deliveries for any registered children under the age of 5 (free) and any over 5s who are currently funded by the school.
8. **OCTOPUS BREAKFAST & STARFISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** If your child is attending Rainbow Class and you have booked Octopus or Starfish places for the rest of this half term that you know longer require, please let the office know. For any children not currently attending school, your bookings have already been cancelled and refunded.
9. **ONLINE WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND CARERS:** We recognise that this is a really challenging time for all. These online courses might be of interest to you:
 - **FREE:** How to support anxious online learners (places are booking up fast) 3rd February @ 4pm. <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/product/how-to-support-anxious-online-learners-3rd-february-additional-date/>
 - **£5** West Sussex Mind: Anxiety and Returning to School after Lockdown Thursday 11th February | 6pm to 8pm and Friday 12th February 10am-12pm. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-and-returning-to-school-after-lockdown-virtual-event-tickets-137646511421>

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