

'But you, Lord are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high'
Psalms 3:3

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.
- **School Office:** parents/carers should **not** enter the foyer unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Please refer to the school website for information or email / phone if you have any queries 01273 454470.
- **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 to see past letters:
<http://www.stnicolasmarty.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>

2. HEALTH & SAFETY – CORONAVIRUS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Symptoms:** It is of extreme importance that if you or members of your household have symptoms of coronavirus the whole household must immediately go into self-isolation and children in the household should not attend school. Please arrange a test(s) for anyone with the symptoms urgently. This will help to ensure that in the case of a positive test result, contacts of the person can self isolate promptly to prevent further spread of infection to the wider community.
- **Getting tested:** <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119. If having a home test, please use the test as soon as it arrives and return it in the post the same day using a priority postbox.
- **Positive test result:** we have a dedicated email address for you to advise us if you receive a positive test result for your child (or yourself if you have been volunteering in school or if you consider that pupils or school staff have been in close contact with you), which will be monitored over weekends and holidays so that prompt action can be taken: positivetest@stnm.org.uk Please use this address for this purpose only. Emails about all other matters should continue to be sent to office@stnm.org.uk
- **Tracing contacts:** If we are notified of a positive case, it is likely that the entire class, to which a pupil testing positive belongs, will immediately be asked to stay at home whilst we consider which members of the school community need to self isolate.
- **Self-isolating and Home Learning:** if your household is self-isolating and your child is absent from school, home learning materials can be found on the class pages on the website.

3. WORSHIP & ETHOS: next week's assembly is *Fruits of the Spirit: #8 Pineapple Gentleness*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVs_954b4yEOTi5sAhKhGKw

4. READING

- **Reading Challenge:** please follow the link below to join an exciting Reading Challenge! From the English Team. <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/join-the-winter-mini-challenge-and-become-a-reading-hero.html>
- **Reluctant Readers:** please see the link below about Reluctant Readers. Why not have a go with your child this weekend? Good luck, *the English Team*. <https://www.lauracandler.com/12-ways-to-motivate-reluctant-readers/>

5. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your family circumstances have changed, your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. To find out more information, including the Free School Meal application form, please visit our website <https://www.stnicolasmarty.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=1317> or email hslw@stnm.org.uk

6. CHRISTMAS!

- **PTA Christmas Hampers:** don't forget to send in a themed gift for your year group Raffle Hamper boxes. These always look amazing and are great prizes.
- **PTA Christmas Raffle:** thank you to those who have already returned your ticket stubs and money. Please sell as many tickets as you can and post the stubs, money and unsold tickets in the lockable box outside the foyer by Wednesday 9th December. If you need more tickets please ask.
- **Wiston Light Up Trail Poster Competition:** Wiston Estate is running a competition for schools to win £2,500 for their art department. Students just need to design a poster for the Light Up Trail and upload it to their website. The winning student will win a family ticket to the event along with £2,500 for the school's art department. Please see the flyer in this bulletin or click on the links for more information. <https://www.lightuptrails.com/> <https://www.lightuptrails.com/competition>
- **Chartwells Christmas Activities:** please click on the link for details about Chartwells Christmas activities competition [Chartwells Christmas Activities](#)
- **Chartwells Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16th December:** if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and they would like to have a Christmas dinner on this day, you need to book a meal for them online (menu on page 5) <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/> The deadline to book is Sunday 6th December.



7. **DONATIONS:** We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who have so kindly donated funds to our school via the PTA and also via the school's online donation box on sQuid. We really appreciate your generosity at this very difficult time when all schools have been faced with escalating costs and a dramatic reduction of opportunities to raise funds. If you would like to make a donation to the school it would be even more wonderful if you could please complete a signed declaration for the PTA so that they can claim gift aid on your donation, which increases the value of every donation by a fabulous 25%. Click on the link for the form and PTA bank details: https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/files/pta/E9EBE39A83F8ED639677041A786CE66D.pdf Thank you so much for your generosity. We really appreciate every donation made.
8. **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](#)
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE GATEWAY HUB:** The Gateway Hub is run by local volunteers and is based in Fishersgate and helps local neighbours that are struggling in The Southwick, Shoreham, Fishersgate and Lancing areas. We can assist with clothes, uniform, shoes, food, toiletries, toys, books and help support families with other things they may be struggling with. I look after the clothing side of things at the Hub. We have Winter coats that are looking for a good home at the moment. If anyone is interested if they contact me, Debbie on 07941 649882 or email me at debbie@thegatewayhub.org and I can check if we have the sizes they need or any other clothing that is required. If any other help is needed then they can call the Hub on 01273 978566 between 9am-5pm Mon-Fri. Our website address is:- www.ssfsc.org which will tell you more about us and what we do. We also have a Facebook page called the 'Gateway Hub'.

Christmas Raffle Hamper

Each year group to create a festive hamper to be won in the PTA Christmas raffle

Year group colour themes (and possible ideas):

YR - Red - Father Christmas

Y1 - Green - nature, trees, holly, mistletoe, etc

Y2 - White - snow, snowflakes, icicles, snowmen

Y3 - Brown & Black - Rudolph, penguins, Christmas pud

Y4 - Yellow - stars

Y5 - Silver - angels

Y6 - Gold - Christmas sparkles, tinsel & baubles

There will be a box outside each classroom to collect donated items for that year group until Thursday 3rd Dec



St Nicolas & St Mary school PTA

Christmas Raffle

Draw will take place on Friday 11th December

Prizes include:

£50 cash prize

2 x £25 cash prizes

3 x cases of wine

Bladez Barbers free shave

Hair by Tiffany at The Shoreham Hair Lounge

La Patisserie coffee vouchers

Tropic Skincare voucher

Forever Living product hamper

7 x Christmas themed hampers

**Tickets
£1
each**

**Wednesday 9th December is the last
day to buy tickets & return the stubs**






8th Dec to
3rd Jan

School art competition!

The winner will receive a free family ticket to Light Up Wiston Estate and £2500 for their school's art department!

Enter by making an exciting Light Up Trails poster and upload it onto our website. The more creative the better; use textiles, sparkles, paint... anything you can think of to make the page light up!

www.lightuptrails.com/competition |    


T&Cs apply, see website for more details.



Covid safe
family event!



Taking place from 8th December 2020 until 3rd January 2021 between 4-10pm, there will be a wide variety of interactive light and sound installations, as well as mulled wine, crepes and delicious Christmas treats.

 Creating memories and bringing people together. 

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T&Cs apply, see website for more details.

Wednesday 16th December

£2.35



Festive Menu

Choose a main meal...

Roast Turkey
with Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage & Gravy

or

Quorn Fillet
with Stuffing Ball & Gravy

on the side...

Roast Potatoes
Peas and Carrots

for dessert...

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread
or

Fruit Salad

for a drink...

Fruit Squash

Milk

Water



*To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please
order at www.measelector.co.uk
no later than Sunday 6th December*

2020





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

Apply online at:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Deadline: Friday 15 January 2021

