

Happy Easter! Happy New Term!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and were able to take advantage of the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions. On the last day of term we had three outdoor assemblies where we could retell the Easter story through readings, illustrative talks and singing - what a joy! We remembered that Jesus was 'isolated' on a cross and 'locked down' in a tomb but came alive again so that we might have life in all its fullness.

We are looking forward to an exciting term, with warmer weather and, hopefully, further relaxations of what we are able to do together.

As always, please be in touch with any questions or suggestions that you may have.

Mr Lincoln, Mr Etherton and the school 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.
- **School Office:** the office will remain closed until further notice. Please refer to the school website for information or email office@stnm.org.uk if you have any queries. **YOU MUST NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL FOYER UNLESS YOU HAVE A PRIOR ARRANGEMENT TO DO SO.**
- **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.

2. **RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021:** For the first time in decades, we have a few Reception places for September. Pupil numbers across Brighton & Hove and Shoreham are lower this year – possibly because of Brexit, and COVID affecting both international & local migration. We also just happen to have less siblings and numbers in our nursery have also been lower this year because of COVID. So, if you know of families moving to the area, don't assume we are full, do encourage them to ring the school.

3. REMINDERS:

- **Reporting Absence – Studybugs:** don't forget that you can report your child's absence due to illness on the efficient and secure system Studybugs. If you haven't already done so, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:
 1. It is integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
 2. It is quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
 3. You will be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health
<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>
 Please remember that you must contact the school whenever your child is unable to attend by 9.30am at the very latest, on the first day of the child's absence and explain the reason for absence. You can do this either by phone, email, request for absence form or Studybugs.
- **Are your contact details correct?** Don't forget to let the office know if you, or any of the named contacts for your child, change your mobile number, address etc. The school relies on these contact details to get in touch with you.
- **Has your child's medical information changed?** Please let us know if your child's medical needs have changed – the information we hold on the system is used on a daily basis when checking for allergies, permission to administer paracetamol, special dietary requirements etc.
- **Octopus Breakfast & Starfish After School Club Bookings slots:** these are now available to book for the first half of summer term on sQuid.