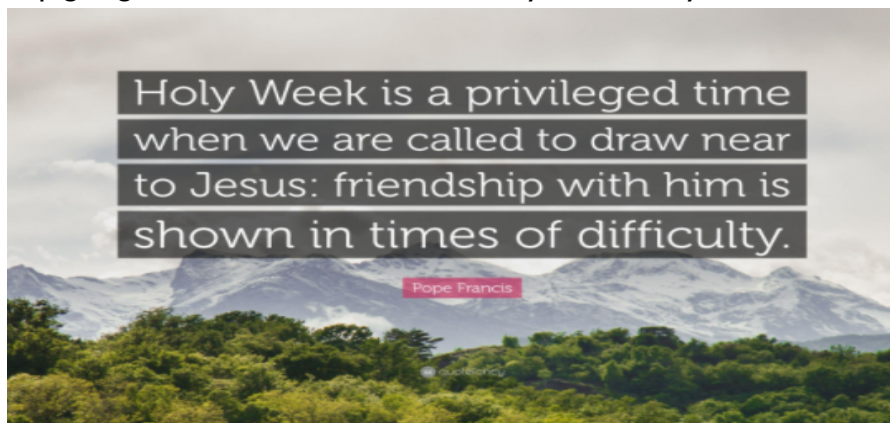


Next week will be the start of Holy Week, which will see us approach the culmination of this period of Lent and the celebration that is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It has been a long and tiring term, so my message to us all is: keep going - we are less than a week away from a very well deserved Easter break.



Have a wonderful weekend.

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.
- **New dates/events added:**
 - Tuesday 25th May - class photos
- **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>
 - Y3 Sea Lions: Brave Banana Club

2. INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Y4 Sea Otter Parent Consultations:** we will be in contact as soon as possible to rearrange the April telephone parent consultation slots for Sea Otter parents and carers, as Mr MacAllister will now be on Paternity Leave for the current dates.
- **PTA AGM Meeting:** The PTA will be holding their AGM Meeting on Thursday 22nd April at 1.30pm. This will be an online meeting and the agenda for the meeting can be found at the end of the bulletin. If you would like the link to join the meeting please email ptasecretary@stnm.org.uk.

3. 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.

4. **OCTOPUS BREAKFAST & STARFISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

- **Voucher payments:** all those who pay for Octopus and Starfish sessions with childcare vouchers have now been invoiced for this half-term. Please can all invoices be paid as soon as possible. Please get in touch if you have any queries. We do appreciate parents and carers waiting for invoices to be issued prior to making payments for each term.
- **Little Octopus and Little Starfish Clubs:** we are unable to offer sessions at Little Starfish and Little Octopus Clubs at this time. We will update you via the bulletin should this change.
- **Bookings slots:** these are now available to book for the first half of summer term on sQuid.

5. **STRANGER DANGER:** We would remind all our children/families to continue to be vigilant and be aware of the 'stranger danger' rules that they have been taught at school (and I am sure reiterated at home), particularly as the weather improves/restrictions are relaxed and more children may be heading to the local parks and meeting in groups. We have been informed that the police are patrolling the area, to reassure families, and have acted/will continue to act on any reports of suspicious individuals.

6. **FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** These have been ordered for FSM pupils and will be delivered to parents on Saturday 3rd April via Wonde.

7. **STUDENT TEACHERS:** We would like to thank all of our KSI Sussex University teaching students for their hard work and commitment to the school this year and for being so flexible and supportive during such challenging and unusual times. Miss Tremeer (Y1 Spinner Dolphins) and Miss Cave (Y2 Penguins) will be moving on to placements in other schools after the holidays and we wish them luck for the future. Mrs Bannier (Y1 Dusky Dolphins) and Miss Stapleton (Y2 Puffins) will be continuing in their classes during the Summer term.

Students will also be joining us from a range of teaching courses at both Sussex and Brighton universities as follows up until the end of May, unless specified:

- Ms Hockley - Little Fishes
- Mrs Uddin - Year R Blue Whale (who previously trained with us in the Autumn term - training until the end of June)
- Ms Warren and Ms Lurkins - Year R Gray Whale
- Ms Berrett - Y3 Sea lions
- Ms Harris - Y3 Seals
- Ms Royle - Y4 Sea otters
- Ms Sandler - Y4 Seahorses
- Ms Clapham - Y5 Terrapins
- Ms Taylor - Y5 Turtles
- Ms Hodgson - Y6 Coral

This is a fantastic opportunity for extra support for the children both academically and pastorally and we look forward to making them welcome after the holidays.

8. **VOLUNTEERS:** We are hoping that we will be able to begin taking on regular long term volunteers again after the Summer Half Term, depending on Government Guidance, but are unfortunately still unable to do so at present.

9. **BOOK LOAN:** If you have the school's copy of '*Red Beast: Controlling Anger in Children*' then please can you return it to the Office. Many thanks.

10. LITTLE FISHES NURSERY - 30 HOUR FREE CHILDCARE CODE REMINDER: Just a reminder to apply now to ensure you have renewed your 30 hours free childcare code by 31st March 2021. Log in to your childcare account to check your details are up to date, and reconfirm your eligibility by 31st March 2021 to ensure you continue to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare - gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account. Contact the HMRC helpline if you are experiencing issues applying or reconfirming on 0300 1234 097.

11. REMINDERS

- **Child absence:** please ensure you let the school know as early as possible if your child will be absent that day. This can be done via Studybugs or by emailing/calling the school office.
- **Negative Covid Tests:** if your child has been off school and had a Covid test that is negative, please email the school office to let them know office@stnm.org.uk.
- **Medicines in school:** we will be sending home all prescription medicine, inhalers and epi pens next week. Please check they are still in date, clean everything and remember to send them back at the start of the summer term.
- **School clubs:** Reminder that there are no clubs next week as it's the last week of term. Football clubs run by school staff will resume the week commencing 26th April 2021.

12. EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- **CK! Easter Event:** City Coast Church is running a kid's Easter Zoom event on Saturday 3rd April from 4pm-5pm. Find out more here www.citycoast.church and enjoy the colouring sheet at the end of the bulletin.
- **WSCC Libraries Easter Holiday Activities:** Families can find stories and activities each Tuesday and Thursday of the Easter holidays online or via the [Family Corner Facebook](#) page. There are competitions and challenges based on some of our favourite stories about food and growing, as well as 'science in your kitchen' experiments to try at home. There are also some exciting recipes from our friends at UK Harvest.
- **ASC Strikers Community Football Days:** Children in years Reception up to Year 3 are invited to participate in free football training sessions on both Saturday 3rd and 10th April at Buckingham Park. Please see the below flyer for all the information.
- **SKC Easter Activities:** SKC are running their Easter Holidays activities club at Quayside Youth Centre from 6th until the 16th April. They have 20 spaces available per day. Please see the below flyer for all the information.

13. COURSES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: This past year has been very challenging for many of our children. West Sussex Mind have some excellent courses running that you can sign up to through EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/west-sussex-mind-8288439768>
Courses on building your child's self-esteem (1st April and 26th May), social anxiety (13th April) as well as a course on anxiety, low mood and building resilience (30th April).

14. CHARITY FUNDRAISING

- Comic Relief:** We hope the children enjoyed dressing in red for Red Nose Day last week. We raised a brilliant £665! Thank you for all your donations.
- Red Nose Day - 'Going the Extra Mile':** We want to say a huge **WELL DONE** to Chesca Sinden and Lyric Turner who raised £15.50 for Comic Relief by selling handmade bookmarks, posters and stickers!



AGM

online

Thursday 22nd April 2021
1.30pm

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Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd April 2021 1.30pm

1. Agree minutes of the PTA AGM held on Wednesday 20th November 2019
2. Matters arising from minutes of previous AGM
3. Chair's report (SL)
4. Financial report for the year ending 31 December 2019 (JP)
5. Re-appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee
 - Chair and/or Co-Chair(s)
 - Secretary and/or Co-secretary
 - Treasurer and/or Co-Treasurer
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7. AOB



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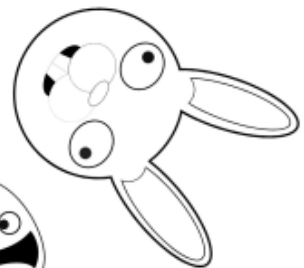


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