

It is now only a few days until the 8<sup>th</sup> March, and we are all so excited to have our school back to what it should be - a vibrant and joyous place full of smiling, happy children who want to learn, and staff who will do all they can to support this. It has (and continues to be) a challenging time for us all. We are not out of the pandemic yet and we will ensure that we continue to focus on what needs to be done to keep us safe (we know that you will continue to support us with this). However as I mentioned last week, it is right to be optimistic and to look forward rather than back. Therefore, let us focus on the excitement and adventures to come over this and the Summer Term. Thank you so much for your ongoing support and messages of encouragement. We genuinely can't wait to see the children next week. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday. Below is a short video message from Mr Lincoln to the children:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ChvMjpBG8lp5WQeHrGfPKTkFtSpfZxXo/view?usp=sharing>

Mr Lincoln, Mr Etherton and the whole school staff team.

## 1. COMMUNICATION

- **School Office:** the office will remain closed until further notice. Please refer to the school website for information or email [office@stnm.org.uk](mailto: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.
- **Positive Test Email:** only use the email [positivetest@stnm.org.uk](mailto:positivetest@stnm.org.uk) to report a positive COVID test result.

## 2. DATES & EVENTS

- **Calendar:** dates, upcoming events etc (can be filtered by year group). Click 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>
  - Parent and Carer RSE Consultation Letter
  - Church of England RSHE Draft Policy

## 3. INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Year 3:** when you return to school on Monday please can you bring an empty cereal box for a DT project.
- **Red Nose Day - 19<sup>th</sup> March:** we are looking forward to joining in with all the Red Nose Day fun! From Monday the children will be able to buy a red nose for £1 (we are very pleased that this year the noses are 100% plastic free!) from their class teacher. If your child brings in the money to give to the class teacher, they will give them a red nose and pass the money onto the school office. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will also let the children come into school wearing Red for a donation to Comic Relief.
- **Year 6 Dalesdown:** reminder that the first instalment was due on 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you haven't already paid can you please pay via your sQuid account. If you are unable to pay please contact the school.

## 4. WORSHIP & ETHOS:

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' Romans 12:12*

- **PARENT AND CARER RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION CONSULTATION:** We would be grateful if you could take the time to read carefully through yesterday's letter about the introduction of the new Relationships Health and Sex Education curriculum and have a look through the draft RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy, and let us know if you have any questions at this stage. We will then be sending out a parent/carers survey to gather all your responses later in the term.

- **NEW SCHOOL GOVERNOR:** We are pleased to inform you that Johan Appelgren has been appointed as a Foundation Governor for the school. Johan has two children in the school, one in year 2 and one in reception. We are looking forward to working with him.

## 7. RE-OPENING:

- **School Risk Assessment:** On our website you will find an updated version of our school risk assessment
- **Pick Up and Drop off Times:** Please see the table at the end of the Bulletin for the updated pick up and drop off times. Please note that some times have changed from the Autumn Term - these are also on the school website.
- **Getting Clean And Ready For Re-opening!** We would like to thank the hard working and enthusiastic team of litter pickers from Year 6, who helped to safely gather all of the rubbish from around the school buildings and playgrounds. We were amazed at the weight of the bag they collected in less than half an hour! The school grounds are now looking spin and span, and we will continue our good work on the field next week! A big well done from Mrs Bishop :)



## 8. PARENT CONSULTATIONS:

Over the Lockdown period you may have seen some new learning patterns/styles develop in your child/children that you would want to share with your child's teacher - we completely understand this. However, as you can appreciate, due to social distancing requirements we are unable to have parent teacher conversations at the end of the day. This is why we will be holding our parent consultations in the two weeks after the Easter holidays as it will also allow conversations around how your child has settled back into school. More information and how to sign up for appointments will be in next week's bulletin.

## 9. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Log in to your childcare account to check your details are up to date, and reconfirm your eligibility by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to ensure you continue to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare - [gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account](https://gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account). Contact the HMRC helpline if you are experiencing issues applying or reconfirming on 0300 1234 097.

## 10. PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Henry in Y5 Turtle class performed in a virtual fundraising concert playing his guitar and singing to raise money for NHS Together. He raised an amazing £1,000. Henry was talking about the Eight Fold Path last week and how he had to come up with his own eight things to make him a better person - one thing on his list was to do things for others. He has certainly demonstrated that - well done Henry!

## 11. FOOTBALL CLUBS:

Mr Butler is hoping to start the Year 4 and Year 6 Football Clubs after school in the next few weeks, depending on Government guidelines. If your child wishes to join can they please add their names to the sign up sheets on the Clubs Board opposite the staff room.

## Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Class / Group	Drop off time	Pick up time	Further information
<b>Octopus Breakfast Club</b>	Between 8.00 & 8.20 am only	n/a	<b>Drop off</b> via Rainbow Room door at rear of staff car park. Parents and carer should not use the staff car park. See notes above.
<b>Little Fishes</b>	9.00-9.15am or 11.45-50am	11.45am or 3.00pm	For <b>drop off and pick up</b> , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'LF' arrows to Spotty or Stripy external door. Please note that it is not possible to get into the bike shed at lunchtime.
<b>Reception A-K</b>	8.40am	2.55pm	For <b>drop off</b> , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'YR' arrows, through little wooden gate, drop off children, go through far wooden gate and follow arrows / one-way system to exit school via the side gate near the foyer entrance. (Staff will show you!) <b>Pick up</b> will be the same as above.
<b>Reception L-Z</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	
<b>Years 1</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	For <b>drop off</b> , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow '1/2' arrows across field to external classroom doors, drop off children and then follow arrows / one-way system to exit the school via the side gate near the foyer entrance. (Staff will show you!) We hope to have at least a temporary rubber matting path on the grass.
<b>Years 2</b>	8.50am	3.05pm	
<b>Year 3</b>	8.45am	3.05pm	For <b>drop off</b> , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and <b>children</b> to follow '3/4' arrows across field around the 'Castle & Adventure Trail' to external west door of Ark (by Fir Tree Playground)- parents to exit in opposite direction to entrance path (see map) At <b>pick up</b> , The meeting/pick up points are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Seals:</b> By plastic tube</li> <li>· <b>Sea Lions:</b> By orange fencing/edge of Cherry Tree playground</li> <li>· <b>Sea Otters:</b> By back of bike shed –</li> <li>· <b>Seahorse:</b> By blue basketball post</li> </ul>
<b>Year 4</b>	8.50am	3.10pm	
<b>Year 5</b>	8.45am	3.10pm	For <b>drop off</b> , parents & carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'Y5' arrows to external door of Main Hall, drop off children and then follow arrows / one-way system to exit school At <b>pick up</b> , the class teacher will bring the first two groups (A-H and I-O) on to Cherry Tree Playground outside the Main Hall. The TA will then bring the third group (P-Z) along a few minutes later.
<b>Year 6 Coral</b>	8.40am	3.10pm	Parents & carers to leave children at main gates (unless they come on their own!) Y6 to enter via the car park, walk bikes/scooters past the Rainbow Room and then in the back wooden gate. At home time they should either have permission to go home on their own or be met at the main school gate.
<b>Year 6 Oyster</b>	8.45am	3.15pm	
<b>Starfish After School Club</b>	n/a	4.00-5.30 pm only*	Parents and carers should walk through the car park and <b>pick up</b> children from the rear external Rainbow Room door. Parents and carers should not drive into the staff car park. *Except Fridays when there is no club

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Hope you'll join us for a Zoom tour 7PM-8.30PM

**SUNDAY 21ST MARCH**

NICK IS KINDLY GIVING ALL TICKET SALES TO THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S  
FACEBOOK EVENT LINK: [HTTPS://FB.ME/E/31AYFPQL](https://fb.me/e/31ayFpQl)

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