



The children have been wonderful since we returned in September and we wish them all a brilliant half term break.

See you all in November!

Mr Lincoln, Mr Etherton and school senior leadership team

## 1. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to any queries before contacting the office. Information about the school day, attendance & absence, medical issues, uniform, food & drink can be found under the Parents & Carers tab. Bulletins and letters can be found under Parents & Carers > News & Events
- **Emails:** please use [office@stnm.org.uk](mailto:office@stnm.org.uk) to contact the school with queries. **Please do not email members of staff directly.** All communication goes via the Office email address.
- **Calendar:** term dates, upcoming events etc (can be filtered by year group). 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>

## 2. CORONAVIRUS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **What to do if your child has symptoms:** please do not send in your child if they have symptoms e.g. a persistent cough. Please arrange for your child to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Your child cannot attend school again until they have received a negative test result or they have isolated for 10 days.
- **What to do if your child has a positive PCR test:** please inform the school and keep your child in isolation for 10 days as advised by the NHS. **If you receive a positive result in half term please email [positivetest@stnm.org.uk](mailto:positivetest@stnm.org.uk)**
- **What to do if you or a member of your household has a positive PCR test:** we recommend that you arrange a PCR test for all other members of your household before sending your child into school.
- **Lateral Flow Testing:** if your child comes into close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid please can they take a lateral flow test regularly, ideally daily. Follow the link below for further guidance on lateral flow device testing: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

## 3. DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Half Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- **BOAT Information Meetings:** We would like to invite you to our information meetings about Bishop Otter Academy Trust. We have 2 dates arranged at school: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 5.30pm & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm.
- **YR Author Visit - John Kirk:** This has been rescheduled for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Y6 Height and Weight Check:** This has been rescheduled for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- **INSET Day:** School closed for pupils on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- **Parent/Carer tour dates:** for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2022. Please follow link <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Tour+Dates&pid=1366>
- **Little Fishes Nursery tour dates:** if your child is preschool age and you would like to tour Little Fishes please visit this page: <https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=30>

- 4. **SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES:** please see the table at the end of the bulletin for each year group's drop off & pick up times. Each year group has a different time which may have changed from the summer term.

5. **PRAYER SPACE:** We are delighted that the Off the Fence Prayer Space Team will be returning in person to facilitate reflective activities for the children during the week after half term. Last year, we took part in an online prayer space but it will be wonderful to welcome the team back into school again. Pupils will be taking part in activities linked to the following themes: being thankful for the things that make us happy; the fact that sorry makes a way for forgiveness; praying for the world; breathing out the things that we worry about; remembering God loves you helps you to stay positive. Please see the end of the bulletin for the Prayer Week timetable.
6. **OCTOPUS & STARFISH CLUBS:** slots are now available to book for the second half of autumn term on sQuid.
7. **DOGS:** Yet again we are having to remind you NOT to bring dogs onto the school premises, at any time of day, even if they are being carried. Please ensure you pass this message on to anyone who collects your children for you. Dogs can be tied to the rings outside of school, in the designated area. **Dogs cannot come onto the school grounds and must not be tied to the noticeboard.**
8. **FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** For those who receive free school meal vouchers, Wonde vouchers for half term have been issued and will be sent via email from Wonde.
9. **PARKING:** We are pleased to say that alongside SLT patrols and our 'large' traffic cones, the local authority has agreed to send traffic wardens to make patrols and dispense tickets to cars dangerously parked on Eastern Avenue and Park Road.
10. **FLU IMMUNISATION:** If your child missed the flu immunisation this week, you can now book a time at one of the flu clinics being run by the Sussex Immunisation Team. Please follow these instructions to book an appointment: Please use the following instructions:
  - Click on the following the link: [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk)
  - Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
  - Enter your school code: SX126049
  - Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.
 Once you have completed all of the steps above, please then call your local team to book a clinic appointment. Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011 Worthing Ext. 8533

11. **U11 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM:** Our Under 11 Girls football team played in the Shoreham Primary schools Tournament at Shoreham Academy this week. We have a flourishing and very enthusiastic squad who are talented and eager to improve their skills. Unbeaten, they won 5 games and drew 2 to become overall winners of the tournament. Well done girls, we are very proud of your enthusiasm, great sportsmanship and success.



12. **A MESSAGE FROM THE ENGLISH TEAM:** If any one has any unwanted bean bags (good condition please!) for our reading areas around the school then please could you let us know. The children really do enjoy sitting on them and reading a good book!

We are also on the lookout for any Comics or Graphic Novels that you may have finished with. Again, the children love reading these and can be a great 'gate way' into reading other texts. If you can help, please get in touch with the office (via email) or Mr de Waal, Miss Kite or Miss Fletcher on the gate! Many thanks, The English Team.

13. **PARENT READERS:** We just wanted to say a massive thank you to all the parents that have started to come and read with the children - it really does make a difference! If there are any other parents who would be interested in supporting us (especially in years 4 and 5 at the moment) then please do get in contact with your class teacher or Mr de Waal. Many thanks, The English Team.

## St Nicolas and St Mary's, Shoreham

### Prayer Space Timetable – Nov 2021

Reception, Yr1 Yr2, & Yr3 classes – half a class for 20min

Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 classes – whole class for 40min

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
	9.10-9.30 Reception (half class)	9.10-9.30 Reception (half class)	9.10-9.30 Nursery group (To come for a short story and thank you game)
	9.30-10.00 Year 2 ½ class	9.30-10.00 Year 2 ½ class	9.30-10.00 Year 3 ½ class
	10.00-10.30 Year 2 ½ class	10.00-10.30 Year 2 ½ class	10.00-10.30 Year 3 ½ class
	10.30-10.45 BREAKTIME	10.30-10.45 BREAKTIME	10.30-10.45 BREAKTIME
	10.45-11.15 Year 1 ½ class	10.45-11.15 Year 1 ½ class	10.45-11.15 Year 3 ½ class
	11.15-11.45 Year 1 ½ class	11.15-11.45 Year 1 ½ class	11.15-11.45 Year 3 ½ class
	12.00-1.00 LUNCH	12.00-1.00 LUNCH	12.00-1.00 LUNCH
	1.10 – 1.30 Reception (half class)	1.10 – 1.30 Reception (half class)	*1.10 – 1.50 Year 4 whole class
	1.35 – 2.15 Year 6 whole class	1.35 – 2.15 Year 5 whole class	*1.50 – 2.30 Year 6 whole class
2.30 – 5.00  SET UP In the Art Room	2.20 - 3.00 Year 4 whole class	2.20 - 3.00 Year 5 whole class	2.30 – 5.00  PACK DOWN
	3.15-4.00 After School CLOSED	3.15-4.00 After School Open to STAFF	

**Drop Off and Pick Up Times - Children should be dropped off/picked up as indicated below:**

<b>Class / Group</b>	<b>Drop off time</b>	<b>Pick up time</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<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 carpark. Parents and carer should not use the staff car park. See notes above.
<b>Little Fishes</b>	9.00-9.10am or 11.45-50am	11.45am or 3.00pm	For <b>drop off</b> , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'LF' arrows to the little wooden gate. Please note that it is not possible to get into the bike shed at lunchtime. <b>Pick up</b> will be at the Spotty external door.
<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 along the 'new path' 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!) <b>Pick up</b> will be the same as above.
<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 along the 'new path', then around the 'Castle & Adventure Trail' to external west door of Ark (by Fir Tree Playground). Parents to exit in opposite direction to entrance path. At <b>pick up</b> , the class teacher will bring the children to their meeting point. 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 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 children to steps/ramp outside the Main Hall.
<b>Year 6 Coral</b>	8.45am	3.15pm	Parents and carers to leave children at main gates (unless they come on their own!) Year 6 to enter via the car park and walk bikes/scooters past the Rainbow Room and then via the back wooden gate. At home time they should either have permission to go home on their own or be met outside the external door of the main hall
<b>Year 6 Oyster</b>	8.50am	3.20pm	
<b>Starfish After School Club</b>	n/a	4.00-5.30 pm only*	Parents and carers should walk through 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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