

Welcome Back

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of all the children. They have made an amazing start to the new school year and again, thank you to everybody for making feel so welcome. Here are a few helpful reminders for the start of the Autumn term.

Start and Finish Times

The classroom doors will open from **8:45am** to drop your child off at school (school starts at 8:55) and all classes will finish school at **3:15pm**. If a different adult than usual is collecting your child at the end of the day, please notify school as soon as possible.

We will be sending information and consent forms for Year 6 children to walk home on SchoolPing in the coming days.

PE

We request that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Nursery: Tuesday and Wednesday

Reception: Wednesday and Friday (Please note the change of day) Year 1&2: Wednesday and Thursday Year 3&4: Tuesday and Friday Year 5&6: Thursday and Friday

Swimming will start for Year 5 & 6, every day on Monday 1st November until Friday 12th November.

Sport Events

We have a number of sports festivals coming up. If your child's year group is involved, please send them to school in their PE kit and provide a bottle of water. Further information and consent forms have been sent via SchoolPing.

Tuesday 14th September - Year 3 & 4 - Rugby Skills Festival

Wednesday 20th October - Year 1 & 2 - Multi Skills Festival

Dinners

Payment must be made via ParentPay in advance. Autumn payment will be £10.25 per week (£2.05 per day).

If your child has a packed lunch, it should be in a rigid plastic container or lunch box carrier and must be clearly marked with your child's name. We ask that packed lunches do not contain glass bottles, canned drinks, sweets, fizzy drinks, nuts or chocolate.

If your child wishes to change from school lunch to packed lunch and vice versa, we require notice via e-mail from you to the school office (office@stmarysceprimary.co.uk). This is essential as the cook orders provisions in advance and major changes to school lunch numbers can affect the kitchen staffing arrangements.

Click the pictures to see the current menus.



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Appointments and Absence Requests

If your child has a medical appointment, please could you e-mail the school office as soon as possible and attach any appointment details. Should you need to request an absence for holidays etc, please collect a form from the office (these are also available on the school website) and return it well in advance of the requested dates.

Consent Forms

Consent forms will be sent out next week via SchoolPing for GDPR, photos, videos and Facebook. I would be grateful if you could complete these as soon as possible so we can start sharing the amazing achievements of the children.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the afternoon of **Wednesday 22nd September**. If your child is in Nursery and not in on that afternoon and you want their photograph taken, please bring your child into school via the front office at 1:15pm.

After School Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Year Groups	
Monday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Football	3, 4, 5 and 6	
Monday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Arts and Crafts	Reception, 1 and 2	
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Games	3, 4, 5 and 6	
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Multi Sports	Reception, 1 and 2	
Wednesday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Gardening	3, 4, 5 and 6	
Thursday	3.15pm - 4:00pm	Choir	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	

Please book via School Ping

Please collect children from the main entrance at 4pm.

New Roof

We have been successful in a bid for funding to replace the school roof. We expect the work to begin in October but as soon as we have a confirmed date, we will let you know and inform you of any further details.

Key Dates

Please make note of the key dates. I will be sending further information closer to the time and additional dates will be sent out as soon as possible for next half term and Christmas.

P.D Days 2021/22 (school closed to pupils)

- 1st November 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 27th May 2022
- 21st July 2022

School Photos

22nd September 2021

Please send children into school in uniform even if it is their PE day.

Hello Yellow (World Mental Health Day)

8th October 2021

Non-uniform but wear something yellow if you can.

Parents Evening

Week Beginning 1st November 2021 Class teachers will organise this via School Ping.

Children in Need

12th November 2021

We will inform you of the theme once we receive our fundraising pack.

Remembrance Service

11th November 2021

Once we have assessed if we can have parents in for this, we will send details out.

Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church

5th December 2021

Secondary School Applications

If your child is currently in Year 6, please click on the links below to find information about applying for their secondary school place.

Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council

Darlington Borough Council

For information on open days in Darlington, click the link below.

Open Days

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Piper