



# NEWSLETTER

**“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”**

Telephone: 01798 872007

WB 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

**Re: September 2021**

We hope you had a great summer and are coming back to school having created some memories. We have been working hard in school to ensure that we are ready to welcome the children back and we are excited to hear what they have got up to over the holidays. The staff and Governors have received their safeguarding training on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the staff have been receiving training in the importance of Oracy and Drama, updated their phonics and spelling knowledge ready for our start back.

The most up to date Government guidance that we are running from is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

On the front page of the school website is a copy of our risk assessment for returning, (DFE Corona Virus Risk Assessment Plan 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021).

We understand that things have changed but the virus has not gone anywhere and we are prioritising keeping the school open for teaching and learning and keeping staff and children safe. We will continue to take some precautions to try to minimise the spread of the virus, especially as it seems that numbers are likely to rise over the coming weeks.

As a minimum, we will: ● retain zones within the school ● retain our increased cleaning programme ● encourage good hand hygiene (regular hand washing or sanitising) ● continue to ventilate classrooms as well as possible ● limit the sharing of resources as far as possible ● encourage parents to wear a mask for drop off and collection

In terms of drop off and collection we will run in the same way until October half term and then if things are OK, then we will go to two staggered times. This is due to the need for the children to sanitise and enter school in a distanced fashion.

Zone	Time in	End of the day
Zone 1 UK and Austria class	9am	3.15pm
Zone 2 Thailand, Italy and India	8.30am	2.45pm
Zone 3 NZ, Ireland, SL and USA	8.40am	2.55pm
Zone 4 Y5/6 China, Mexico, SA and Japan	8.50am	3.05pm

We ask that children bring a rucksack that contains their PE kit (ensure they have long PE bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE as the uniform policy), drink bottle, snack and lunchbox (if needed). **We would like your child to bring their own pencil case for their new class but there is no rush to provide this but when it is convenient then please send it in.**

**Early Birds** starts on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** and if your child is attending Early Birds then they must be at the side gate at **8am**. They will be collected by Mrs Parsons and Mrs Metaliaj.

**Roosters** after school club will start on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** and will be run by Ms Elliott and Mrs Haley-Chattaway.

**COVID-19** - If your child is unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) then they must stay at home, self-isolate and get a test.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). The guidance sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from the day after the individual tested positive.

If you have any questions and queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on [head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

### **Staffing for September**

Class	Staffing
UK	Mrs Callender and Mrs Norgate
Austria	Mrs Huntley Hart and Mrs Haley Chattaway
Thailand	Miss Rees and Mrs Ansell
Italy	Mrs Hubble and Mrs Parsons
India	Miss Wilkins (AM), Miss Gorecka (PM) and Mrs Tiller
New Zealand	Miss Heasman and Mrs Shepherd
Ireland	Mrs Benson and Ms Belassie
USA	Mrs Gowland (Mon/Tues), Mrs Martin Wells (W, Th, F) and Mrs Adams
Sierra Leone	Mrs Farrant and Mrs Castle
Mexico	Miss Sleat and Mrs Underwood
China	Mr Coomber and Mrs Sherlock- Fudge (AM and Mrs Lee (PM)
South Africa	Miss Turner and Mrs Bryan
Japan	Miss Callender and Ms Barnes
Midday Meal supervisors	Mrs Kendall, Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Adams, Mrs Norgate, Mrs Haley-Chattaway, Mrs Bevis, Mrs Castle, Mrs Adams, Mrs Metaliaj
Swimming	Mrs Treadwell
Forest Schools	Wild Foxes and Mrs Gent

**SENDCo** - Miss Wilkins is SENDCo in the afternoons and she works with Miss Harrison who coordinates Speech and Language sessions as well as administration for SEND, Mrs Metaliaj works with children who need pastoral support. Mrs Lee is Learning Mentor in the mornings and can be contacted for support with emotional literacy, anxiety, friendship issues, bereavement and many other pastoral issues.

**Office** – Mrs Gabriel is School Secretary, Mrs Andrews is the School Bursar, Mrs Russell is the Receptionist and administration assistant, Mrs Hancock oversees the library/website and Mrs Lees is the School Business Manager. Ms Elliott is our Premises Manager.

**Contact with the teachers** – All the teachers are contactable via the class email addresses.

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[Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Governing Body** – Mr Shepherd and Mr Clark lead the Governing Body with a team of volunteers - Mrs Bagnall, Fr Paul, Mr Cordy, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Batchelor, Mr Doy, Mr Edge, Mr Jenkins, Miss Sleat, Ms Ansell and Mrs Moran is the Clerk to the Governors. They will be offering a Zoom chat during the Autumn Term if anyone wishes to find out more about what they do or raise any issues that they may have.

**Swimming times** – Please send the children's swimming kit on the right day. We will be swimming from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 6
Thursday	No swimming
Friday	Year 3

**Forest Schools** – Forest Schools is being run by Wild Foxes and will commence on Thursdays for Year 1. This is from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A timetable will be coming home with dates and what to provide.

**Music Enrichment for Year 4** – It is exciting that we are able to offer Term2Learn for Year 4 and they will be learning the clarinet over the Autumn Term.

**Clubs** – We are going to try and run clubs this term but please be aware that they may need to be cancelled at very short notice. A letter will be coming out shortly with clubs that we are offering at this time.

**Attendance** – We are looking forward to the children returning and sharing their holiday memories, attendance is statutory and will be monitored, we will contact you if we have any concerns.

**Medicines** – If your child requires any medicines then please fill out the medicines form, in the Parents section on our website and come to the side gate to talk to a member of the office staff – please do this after you have dropped your child off. Asthma forms are also available on our website.

**Nut Free School** – We are a 'Nut Free' school. Please ensure that no nuts of any form are brought in to school (this includes Nutella, sesame seeds, fruit bars with nuts or humous)

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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