

Friday 11th September 2020

Reminders

- Pupils are asked to wear PE kit on their class's PE day. Class teachers will communicate this with you.
- Thank you for sending your child in with their water bottle. Apart from their coat or packed lunch this is all that they need to be bringing into school at the moment.

Welcome Back

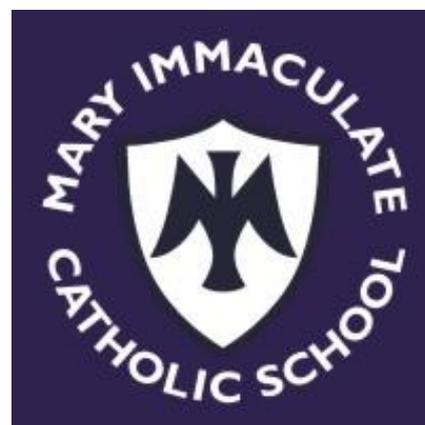
A very warm welcome back to you all for the start of the new term. 90% of pupils have now returned to school which is a very pleasing figure. The staff have worked hard to ensure that pupil wellbeing has been a priority this week. Please could we remind you to adhere to the start/finish times of your child's class as much as possible. We have very limited space outside the school and this week we have noticed that parents are not respecting the social distancing advice. We are doing all that we can within school to keep your children safe and we would very much appreciate your co-operation with this. We will review the start and finish times on a weekly basis and may have to change them in order to reduce the number of adults outside of the building at any one time. A comprehensive risk assessment has been put in place to ensure that the Welsh Government's guidelines are closely followed. We have put the main headlines from this onto our website. Please overleaf for guidance on the procedure to follow should your child present COVID-19 symptoms. This guidance was received this morning so it is up-to-date as we have. As we receive further updates we will communicate them with you via the school website.

Breakfast Club

This has been running very smoothly this week. Many thanks to you all for getting here for the 8.20am cut-off time. The uptake for breakfast has also increased, so the pupils who attend are getting a good breakfast to start their day. Reception and Y1 have had their breakfast down in the Early Years Unit at separate ends, Y2,3 & 4 have eaten theirs in the hall and Y5&6 in their classrooms. This is now closed for further bookings until after half-term. Similarly, lunchtime arrangements have worked well with all pupils having their lunch with their peers from their contact groups.

Welsh Signs

As you can see, we now have a new bilingual school sign at the front of the building. We have also had a number of Welsh activity signs/boards placed in the playgrounds for the children to use at break times.



Parish Links

Fr Matt joined staff for a welcome back reflective prayer session last week and went around the school to bless each classroom. We are hoping to start virtual assemblies from next week and will work with Fr Liam and Fr Matt to maintain parish links through these.

Sunday Liturgy for Families

Please find an alternative on the link below provided by Ten Ten resources: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sundayliturgy-for-families/>

Friends of Mary Immaculate

Many thanks to the Friends for buying our new Welsh signs!

What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

One or more COVID-19 Symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell

Action list

1. Self-isolate for 10 days
2. Use <https://111.wales.nhs.uk/> or Call 111 for clinical advice
3. Apply for Coronavirus test if needed <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or call 119 to arrange for a test.
4. Collect any siblings from school.
5. Call the school to inform them your child has symptoms and whether they have had a test. Do not visit the school.
6. If your child has a negative test, return to school and provide proof of their result.
7. If your child gets a positive test, then continue to self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started. Anyone they live with, and anyone in their family bubble, or extended family bubble must self-isolate for 14 days.
8. If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms but does:
 - Feel unwell with a temperature of less than 38C
 - Vomit or has diarrhoea
 - Have a loss of appetite Have a rash
 - Have fatigue / aches
 - Or have any other general illness or is feeling unwell

Then you are advised to monitor your child closely. If appropriate do not attend school but keep them informed in the usual way.

9. If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there's something seriously wrong, call 999. Do not visit your GP, pharmacy or hospital, except in an emergency.

