

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

Orian 'Lunch Shop' and future hot meal offer

Today has been the first day of online ordering for school meals using the Orian 'Lunch Shop' system. All has gone very well today and we hope that this will make the whole process more straightforward for all parents and office staff.

We are planning to introduce a different menu after half term, with a choice of hot meals. More details to follow.

Staffing Update

In the last weeks we have interviewed and offered posts to:

- two new members of the Mid-day Supervisory team, Mrs Dixon and Mrs O' Hare
- Mrs Goodall, now working as a teaching assistant supporting a child each morning in Year 3.

We have managed to cover the absences we expected in MOSAICS staffing as a number of staff have increased their hours.

MOSAICS request for second hand toys

Following the success of our request for resources for the Year 1 classroom, we now have a request for **good quality, second-hand toys and games suitable for KS 2 children using MOSAICS**. At the moment table top games are a priority. A box will be kept in the entrance hall for a few days for any donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Parents' Forum

Thank you to the 14 parents who have joined the Parents' Forum. We had our first meeting last week, discussing parents' experiences of home learning during lockdown. Details of the membership of the Forum, and notes of the first meeting, will be available on the school website in the coming days.

Drop off and pick-up times

Thank you to everyone who works hard to make the morning and afternoon routines outside school run smoothly. Please can I remind all parents to:

- use the one-way system
- move on from the front of school as soon as their children have entered the building
- keep their children close to them while waiting (children should not be running or playing on the grass)

At this time of increasing infection rates, it is vital that we maintain social distancing at all times.

Nasal flu vaccinations

A reminder that the team of local Public Health 0 -19 nurses will be administering the nasal flu vaccine to all children whose parents have given consent, in the Hall on the morning of Wednesday 14th October.

Yours sincerely

Peter Barfoot
Headteacher

