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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for your generous donations. All food collected will be donated to our local foodbank.



Trip Payments

All trip payments must be made online now please. Now that we operate a cashless system, we no longer have the facility to accept cash or cheques at the office.

Loan Sharks

If you have borrowed money from a loan shark you haven't broken the law they have. If you are worried about this talk to your debt adviser or call the confidential number below.

Remember loan sharks often:

- offer you a cash loan but do not give you any paperwork
- take your benefit or bank card as security on the loan
- don't tell you when you will finish paying
- increase the amount you owe even if you are making regular payments
- threaten or use violence to get money from you.

If you think you may have borrowed from a loan shark call the England Illegal Money Lending Team hotline and talk to us in complete confidence.

We can discuss with you any worries you may have and will listen, give information and offer advice on your particular situation. We help people make sense of what is happening to them and will explain to you the choices you can make and help you take back control from the loan shark.

Call us on: 0300 555 2222

Text: 07860022116 with your message

Email: reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk

Report a loan shark online at: stoploansharks.co.uk

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Energy Prices

With the cost of energy going up, here are some energy saving tips...

Energy saving ideas: 10 top tips

Here are some simple energy saving tips that will help you keep costs down...

1. Get some energy-saving light bulbs

They last up to 10 times longer than traditional bulbs, and use around 80% less energy. An energy-saving light bulb produces the same amount of light at 13-18w as the more traditional 60w bulb. This reduces energy costs and saves you up to £60 over the lifetime of the light bulb.

2. Don't forget to turn your lights off

Yes, it's a simple one. But, you should remember to turn your lights off when you're not using them.

3. Be cool when it comes to washing machines

90% of the energy a washing machine uses goes towards heating the water. A 30°C wash could save over a third of the energy you use when compared to washing at higher temperatures.

4. And, limit the number of washes per week

Wait until you have a full load before putting a wash on.

5. Don't overload your tumble dryer

When using your dryer, ensure that it is full, but don't overload. Tumble dryers consume more energy than most washing machines. In fact, it's much cheaper and better for the environment to use a washing line or a clothes horse if you can. If you do need to use a tumble dryer, make sure you use a fast spin on your washing, as this removes more of the water.

6. Fill up your dishwasher

Only use your dishwasher when you have a full load (as a half load uses the same amount of energy). If possible, stop the dishwasher's cycle when it gets to the drying stage, open it up, and let the load dry naturally.

7. Don't overfill your kettle

Only put in the amount of water you need, as over-filling your kettle each time wastes energy and money.

8. Look out for the logo when buying a new fridge or freezer

Look for the Energy Saving Recommended logo. These more efficient appliances could save you as much as £37 a year.



9. Don't just standby, switch off

You can reduce your electricity bill and avoid emitting CO₂, by not leaving your electrical products on stand-by. Switch them off and unplug them when not in use.

10. Take back control of your heating

If you find yourself using an electric heater in the winter months, try and limit the amount of time it's left on. Only heat the areas of your home you need and make sure you take the time to draught proof your house.

It's time to wear it pink

Wear it Pink

Wear It Pink is an annual event which sees fundraisers wear bright pink ensembles as they raise money for breast cancer care and research. We will be taking part on Friday!! It is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK, raising millions of pounds over the course of its 17-year history. We are asking that children make a £1.00 donation to come to school dressed in pink or in something they really like to wear. Big thanks for your anticipated support.

SEND Parent & Family Carer Newsletter



SEND Parent/Carer Newsletter May 2021

Discover all the current news and information for Parent/Carers about Special Educational Needs and Disability in Telford & Wrekin.

Young People's Voice

Questionnaire for secondary school pupils: Moving from Year 6 in Primary School to Year 7 in Secondary School (Transition)

We would like to encourage young people to give their views on Transition from Primary School – Secondary School. This will help us to work with young people to improve Transition for students with SEND. The questionnaire has been developed by the SOS Group (Young Peoples Forum, Shout Out for SEND*) who will be collating and presenting the information once it's received.



Parent/Carer News
Welcome to SEND Parent/Carer News - May 2021

SEND Parent/Carer News
Would you like to sign up to receive the SEND Parent/Carer News direct to your inbox, if so please follow the link below and enter your email address.

Sign up to the SEND Parent/Carer News

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SEND Parent Carer News – Local Offer

[Subscribe to the SEND Parent/Carer Newsletter](#)



If your child has an EHCP or special needs, you can now sign up for the local authorities termly SEND Newsletter to Parents. Sign up on the LA SEND page. <https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/>

If you have children with, SEND in your household who are 11 or over, they may be interested in joining the Shout Out for SEND Group (SOS), here are the details of the next meeting.

Shout Out for SEND Group



Shout Out for SEND (SOS) is a group of 11-25 year olds that meet every month to ensure that they have the chance to have their voice heard and to influence the decisions in Telford & Wrekin SEND and the IASS service.

The next SOS Meeting is on:
Tuesday 26 October 2021
2-4pm

To find out more or to book your place please contact: info@iass.org.uk
Alternatively, join the [SOS Facebook page](#) to find out about the group.



The group would like to actively encourage young people to share their views and feedback to influence decisions both for themselves and other young people in Telford.

If you would like to find out more about the SOS Group or discuss how your school council can work with us please contact us at: localoffer@telford.gov.uk.



If you are contacted by Track and Trace and Step Up, Step Down measures

You do not have to do anything if there has been a positive case in your child's class, and your child will not have to self-isolate and can come in to school as normal, but you **may be contacted by Test & Trace (not school)** if your child is identified as a close contact. If they are, the advice you will be given on behalf of your child is as follows:

"Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Children aged 4 and under will not be advised to take a test unless the positive case was someone in their own household.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread. As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in twice weekly LFD testing

This advice applies until 10 full days after your most recent contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you develop symptoms at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test and follow the guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms."

You may wish to follow this advice in any case, but we would certainly ask that you are vigilant for symptoms and if your child does develop symptoms, keep them off school and get them PCR tested using the following link: :
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

In addition, if your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case, we would also ask that, if possible, you test your child using LFD (rapid) tests daily for 7 days from the date of contact.

Where they are needed, our school will put temporary measures in place to reduce the spread of the virus.

These ‘step-up’ measures could include recommending PCR testing for children in affected groups, re-introducing ‘bubbles’ whereby classes are separated and consideration of the use of face coverings (only where it is appropriate to do so). All measures will be implemented with consideration and focus on minimal disruption to the children involved.

Our school will inform you of any step-up measures if they need to be introduced.

As soon as the number of cases at a school reduces, these measures will be stepped down again.

It is likely that schools in Telford and Wrekin, and those up and down the country, will need to use ‘step up’ measures on and off throughout the year.