



SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

COVID-19 REMINDER:

Please ensure that you inform school via the dedicated email inbox wsmcovid@gatedu.org if your child:

- Develops Covid-19 symptoms and is isolating;
- Is taken for a PCR test.

CROSS COUNTRY:

A huge well done to our pupils in Years 4 and 6 who took part in the Gateshead School Sports Partnership cross-country event at Watergate Park this week. The pupils demonstrated admirable determination, resilience and skill, and represented the school fantastically on the day. You can see their beaming faces on our school Twitter feed (@whickhamstmarys).

HOME LEARNING:

Please be reminded to check your child's eschools account each week for their home learning tasks. Messages are sent by teachers on a Friday with suggested activities for the week, as well as other useful information of which the class may need to be aware. If you are unsure of your child's eschools login details (these are different from parents' login details), please get in contact with the school office.

DUCKPOOL PRE-SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

If you are, or someone you know is, interested in a place for their child at Duckpool Pre-school for September 2022, please contact Mrs J Sordy, Pre-school Manager by email (duckpoolpreschool@gatedu.org) or phone (0191 4881137). Duckpool Pre-school provides pre-school provision for 3 and 4 year-olds for between 15 and 30 hours per week (term-time only).

CARETAKING VACANCY:

We are currently trying to fill our vacant caretaking position at school and would like to extend the offer to anybody interested in applying for the position to contact Mr Wheatley for a chat or tour of the school. We would be particularly keen not to discourage individuals who, though lacking in official caretaking experience, may have the required ability, acumen and enthusiasm to undertake this privileged role.

We are looking for candidates who are hardworking, well-organised, approachable and friendly team players who can prioritise work effectively; DIY experience is essential, but training will be offered to all candidates new to this role.

We are so proud of our school community at St Mary's, and would love to find a suitable candidate who is keen to help us maintain the highest possible standards for our pupils, staff and parents. You can find the details of the post and application process [here](#). The deadline for applications is 12pm on Thursday 21st October 2021.