

Thursday 9th January 2025

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to see all of the children settle straight back into school and we are looking forward to what 2025 brings.

Phonics Parent Session

We invite all year 1 parents to attend an initial meeting about phonics after school on **Thursday 16th January 2025, 3:30-4:00pm**. This session is just to inform parents of the phonics scheme we use and information on the phonics screening check.

The Year of the Jubilee

Every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a year of Jubilee is celebrated. This year has been announced as a jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Pope Francis has said: *'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.'*

New Year is usually a time when people look ahead and perhaps make New Year's resolutions so, let us look ahead with hope to 2025. We will share our plans for the Jubilee Year in the days and weeks to come.



PE Kits

On the children's PE days, the children need to be wearing the correct PE kit. If this is something you need help with, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Colley on the parent email:

TMJ_Enquiries@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

- PE kits: all-black trainers, black or white sport socks, navy jogging bottoms (in colder weather) or shorts (summer), white PE t-shirt, navy jacket or school sweatshirt.
- No jewellery
- No branded items of clothing to be worn e.g. Nike



Packed Lunches

We have seen an increase in packed punches last term and I would just like to remind parents, all KS1 children are eligible for FSM. If you would like your child to have a school dinner, then please let the office know. We are a healthy school and promote healthy eating. There should be no sugar drinks (For e.g Fruit shoots) or chocolate within the packed lunches. Please see some ideas for packed lunches on the website below:

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

We encourage all children to have a school lunch where possible.

We are also a nut free school, so please remember this when making packed lunches.

School Admissions

Applications for Reception close at **Wednesday 15th January at 4:30pm**. Applications should be made via the Local Authority's website:

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1494/Apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place>

Please find the diary dates attached to the email for spring term.

Many thanks

Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

