



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 15 6 January 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

The deadline for Reception admissions 2023 is this Sunday- 15th January and the local authority advises that on-time applications are made for all age-appropriate children – even without the supporting documents. These can follow afterwards, unless an application is being made under Medical and Social criteria – these documents must be provided by the application deadline.

The Admissions Team's number is 020 8313 4044 and the line is open 10.00-16.00 weekdays for parents. Team members can give individual advice about home to school distances, how the system works and making realistic preferences.

A leaflet is attached with further information.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Vassallo and Staff

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk



Attendance matters

RAB	96.7	RHH	90.2
1SW	95.8	1DS	92.6
2NG	95.3	2BY	91.9
3YL	92.1	3ES	95.7
4AC	94.4	4JB	92.1
5SR	94.3	5LM	97.3
6EW	96.3	6HW	96.4

5LM has best attendance so far this term. Every day counts and it's vital that children attend school regularly.

Please call the school office **by 8am** if your child will be absent from school and each day until they are well enough to return.

Football and Pokemon Cards

Many children enjoy bringing these to school and as long as children play with them cooperatively, we are happy for them to come in. Unfortunately, we have reached the point where they are causing disagreements so from Monday, they cannot be brought in.

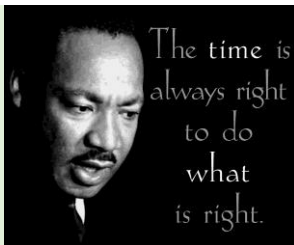




Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Inspirational Person for next week - Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday 16th January the people of the USA will celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Martin Luther King was an incredibly influential figure who helped shape America's history. He was a civil rights activist who fought for racial equality and made some very famous speeches. His message spread beyond the USA and still influences civil rights today.



New sports kit

Thank you to the Crowe family for sponsoring our new sports kits. A generous gift to St Mary's!



Book looks

Please note that this will be on Thursday 19th January at 8.15am only. We have had to cancel the session on 18th January as several staff are accompanying Year 5 to Young Voices.

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the government gives additional funding to schools for looked after children, children who have been adopted from care and children who are in receipt of free school meals or have been in previous years. This funding is called the Pupil Premium Grant and it is used to support positive outcomes for children.

At St Mary's, we are careful to ensure that the money is spent wisely and that the children benefit directly from the additional funding. In the past year, the money has been spent on the following:

Small group and 1:1 tuition
Music tuition taking place in school for small groups and individual children
Subsidising school trips, visits by theatre groups and the Year 6 residential visit
Subsidising uniform and clothing for residential visits
Extra-curricular activities

All children who qualify for Pupil Premium funding can have one funded extracurricular activity per term, a 15-minute peripatetic music lesson each week, as well as subsidised trips and visits. Eligible families receive vouchers from the local authority's Household Support fund to assist them with food during holiday periods.

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income support
Income based Jobseekers Allowance
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit), with a gross annual household income of no more than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs-HMRC)
Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
Universal Credit, with a net annual household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any other benefits you receive).

To make an application, visit the following link:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMealsApplicationForm>

Please note that Pupil Premium Funding is means-tested, and is separate from the governments Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme (UIFSM). UIFSM entitles all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have free school meals, regardless of parents' circumstances.

Term dates for 2023-2024

Please note that these have been amended from the dates originally published.

Term	Dates
Autumn 2023	INSET Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 August
	Open Friday 1 September - Friday 13 October
	Half-term Monday 16 October - Friday 27 October
	Open Monday 30 October - Wednesday 20 December
	Christmas Break
Spring 2024	INSET Tuesday 2 January 2024
	Open Wednesday 3 January - Friday 9 February
	Half Term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
	Open Monday 19 February - Thursday 28 March
	Easter break (Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April)
Summer 2024	Open Monday 15 April - Friday 24 May (Bank Holiday 6 May)
	Half Term Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
	Open Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July
	Summer break

Contacting the school office

Please could we ask that if you need to email the office, you do so using the school email address:

admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

Unfortunately if you use any other address - including the one from which you have received the Friday Flyer, your message could be missed.

Keeping Children Safe: Home or Out Alone?

I have attached a leaflet from the NSPCC with guidance on the following:

"As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Staying home or going out without you is a natural step for them to take – when the time is right. It can be hard to decide whether your child is ready."

There's a lot to think about. And a lot you might be worried about. This guide is designed to reduce that worry, by helping you make the right decision for you and your child."

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 16 January	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, Y1 & 2
Tuesday 17 January	Survey working group 1.30pm 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 18 January	Year 5 Young Voices Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Focus Group 1.30 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 19 January	Book looks 8.15am DANCE DAY LUNCH MENU 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Science- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6
Friday 20 January	Year 2 Forest School 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y2-6

All policies are available from the school on request.

St Mark's Players' Family Pantomime
featuring children from Glenlyn Academy

The Pied Piper of Pantoland

January 2023 **Live band**

Saturday 14th, 21st, 28th - 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 15th, 22nd - 2.30pm

Adults £12 Children £9 (Group discounts)

St George's Hall
Albemarle Road, Beckenham, BR3 5HZ

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