



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 7 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Families,



Our wonderful Miss Yussuf will be married next week and we wish her and Ilias- her husband to be- a life of love, health and happiness together.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

### **A message from Miss Yussuf**

To all at St Mary's,  
I'd like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone at St Mary's for making these last couple of weeks so special and memorable. Ilias and I are blown away by all the messages, cards, gifts and prayers we have received. I am so incredibly lucky to be part of such a loving school. We are both so overwhelmed by all the generosity and kindness shown towards us. We will both be thinking of you all on Wednesday with huge smiles on our faces and our hearts full of love.

With lots of love  
Miss Yussuf

*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*

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### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

As part of their learning, all our children discuss a significant inspirational person each week. These individuals may have made a significant contribution to society or overcome personal challenges and prejudice that impact positively on wider society. For example, children have talked about Marcus Rashford as an inspirational person; whilst he is a very talented footballer, it is his work highlighting child poverty that has had an impact on our society.

A suggestion from the working party was that we share the names of these inspirational people with parents through the Friday Flyer, so that you can talk with the children about them. So far this term children have discussed the following inspirational people: Malala Yousafzai, Marcus Rashford, Stephen Wiltshire, Mae Jamison, Stormzy, Dina Asher Smith and Benjamin Zephaniah. After half term, the first individual we will be talking about is Sarah Storey. Each week we will notify you on Friday who the special person will be the following week.

If there are any individuals that parents think



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would be positive role models for the children to learn a little about, please do get in touch through the admin email address.

Wishing you all a peaceful half term,

Mrs Durand

### Attendance matters

RAB	97.6	RHH	97.8
1SW	95.7	1DS	98.0
2NG	96.2	2BY	97.5
3YL	97.2	<b>3ES</b>	<b>98.4</b>
4AC	97.0	4JB	98.2
5SR	96.7	5LM	97.7
6EW	97.8	6HW	95.8

**Best class for attendance this half term- 3ES.**  
**They enjoyed a home clothes day as a treat today.**

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.

### Uniform

Children return after half term in winter uniform. The uniform policy accompanies the Friday Flyer for reference.

### Survey working party

You may remember that I conducted a survey of parents in July and at that time, asked for parent volunteers to form a 'task and finish' group to consider the outcomes. The first meeting took place on Tuesday with parents from Years 2, 3 and 4 in attendance.

During the meeting, we looked at responses and considered two areas in particular:

*The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.*

*The school lets me know how my child is doing.*

There was a wide-ranging discussion about what is already in place and ways in which communication can be sharpened. I will share notes with you once I have discussed them with the staff.

In terms of 'quick fixes', we noted that there is a wealth of information about the curriculum on the

website but that parents may not be aware of it. We felt it would be helpful to have a quick link in the Friday Flyer each week, and you will find it here:

[St Mary's Curriculum](#)

Participants noted that the 'Parent Handbook' had been written in response to parental feedback but that again, some are not aware of it. The link is here:

[Our Parent Handbook](#)

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 2.15pm. If you would like to join the group, please email [academy@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:academy@stmaryscp.co.uk)

### School Street

Thank you to the parents who have been in touch following the suspension of the School Street. I will meet with Bromley after half term to explore ways forward and it is good to know that so many of you have been considering possibilities too.

The main mission of School Street is to keep our children safe and we can't just let it fizzle out.

### Polio vaccination programme

A letter accompanies the Friday Flyer with information on having children immunized against polio, following findings of the virus in sewage in London boroughs.



<b>Next week at St Mary's</b>	
Monday 31 October	<p><b>Booking for Parents' Evening closes at 12 noon</b></p> <p>3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6            3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6            3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, Y1 &amp; 2</p>
Tuesday 1 November	<p><b>All Saints whole school Mass</b></p> <p><b>Year 4 trip to Horniman Museum</b></p> <p><b>Football – Boys' Development team – Away at Edgebury</b></p> <p>7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6            3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6            3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&amp;2</p>
Wednesday 2 November	<p><b>Open morning for prospective parents at 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Twelfth Night - Young Shakespeare Company</b></p> <p><b>Engagement forum at 7.30pm</b></p> <p>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6            4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&amp;2            3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6</p>
Thursday 3 November	<p><b>Standards Committee 5.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Resources committee 7pm</b></p> <p><b>Football – Girls &amp; Boys – away at Alexandra</b></p> <p>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&amp;2            4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6</p>
Friday 4 November	<p><b>Year 5 Forest School</b></p> <p>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6            4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3</p>

*All policies are available from the school on request.*

