



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 4 24 September 2021

Dear Parents

Our Family Fun Fest is on tomorrow from 12pm to 4pm and 1 hope to see you all there!
Best wishes,

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

Our Wednesday Word message

"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness."

Pope Francis



Attendance

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised. Attendance below 90% is persistent absenteeism.

RAB		RES	
1SW	97.1	1JB	96.8
2HH	96.9	2NG	98.3
3AW	98.8	3YL	95.2
4BY	98.7	4AC	97.5
5SR	98.9	5LM	98.4
6EW	95.1	6HW	93.7

The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on 15 October. Best class for attendance so far: 5SR!

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.

COVID-19 update

Because we have had a number of COVID-19 cases in the school, the London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC) has advised us to move to 'amber' status for two weeks. This means we have reinstated a number of risk mitigating prevention strategies, including moving assemblies online and mask-wearing for staff in communal areas. The impact on the children's day-to-day experience of



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school is minimal and they are expected to attend school as normal.

Next week at St Mary's				
Monday 27	Full Governing Body meeting at			
September	6.30pm			
	8am-8.50am: Yoga- all year groups			
	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5			
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6			
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I &			
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Tuesday	PTA calendar photos			
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September	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5			
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6			
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports-			
	Y1&2			
Wednesday				
29	3.15pm- 4.15pm: NO Irish dancing-			
September	Y3-6			
	4.15pm- 5.15pm: NO Irish dancing-			
	Y1&2			
	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3			
	3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6			
Thursday				
30	7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6			
September	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2			
Friday 1				
October	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6			
	4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3			

Contact details

Please make sure that we have up-to-date details for you in case we need to reach you during the school day. You need to provide at least four contacts who are close enough to the school to be able to collect your child in an emergency. If you need to update your details, email Mrs Tracey at admin@stmaryscp.co.uk.

Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck:

- Year 5 girls' football training
- Year 6 forest school
- Year 5 dance lessons
- Reception at play

Nuts and nut products

We have a number of children across the school who are severely allergic to peanuts and tree nuts. Exposure to nuts requires immediate medical intervention and it can be life-threatening for them.

We would request that children do not bring nuts or nut products to school in packed lunches or for snacks. This includes products such as:

- some chocolate spreads (Nutella etc)
- some cereal bars
- sesame seeds
- tree nuts (almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, brazil nuts, cashews, pecans, pistachios and macadamia nuts
- peanuts

Please check ingredients before sending items to school and if they contain even traces of nuts, they cannot come in. Thank you for your support with this.



Term Dates for next year: 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022				
Tuesday 30 August 2022	INSET			
Wednesday 1 September 2022	Open for pupils			
Friday 14 October 2022	Close for children for half term at 3.15pm			
17- 28 October 2022	Half term			
Monday 31 October 2022	Open for pupils			
Wednesday 21 December 2022	Close at 2pm for Christmas break			
Spring Term 2023				
Tuesday 3 January 2023	Open for pupils			
Friday 10 February 2023	Close for half term at 3.15pm			
13-17 February	Half term			
Monday 20 February 2023	School opens for pupils			
Friday 31 March 2023	Close for Easter break at 2pm			
Summer Term 2023				
Monday 17 April 2023	Open for pupils			
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank holiday			
Friday 26 May	Close for half term at 3.15pm			
29 May- 2 June 2023	Half term			
Monday 5 June 2023	INSET			
Tuesday 6 June 2023	Open for pupils			
Friday 21 July 2023	School closes for pupils at 2pm			

Our neighbours

Our school is in a residential area and I would ask everyone to make sure that we show respect to the neighbours.

Please do not drive on the unmade Reception of Westgate Road unless you are a Reception parent and there is no other alternative. When there is heavy rain, traffic pushes floodwater into Westgate Cottages causing damage.

Please do not obstruct driveways or park in areas that are reserved for residents.

The council is considering Westgate Road for 'School Street' status and I will keep you updated as things progress.

Relationships Education

Should you wish to, you are able to access the teaching programme we are using to deliver Relationships Education in school. You can view parental guidance on the content of lessons taught and see suggestions for activities that could be undertaken at home to support the children's learning. The half-termly curriculum newsletters sent by your child's teacher signposts the RSE topics your child will be covering. You can access the Parental Portal with these details: website: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

username: st-marys-br3 password: south-bank

An overview of the programme accompanies the Friday Flyer.

If you have any queries or comments please do get in touch with me.

Thank you

Eve Harrison (RSE Subject Leader)

Coffee morning

Hi everyone

We, in year 4, are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 8th October in the small school hall after drop off 9am-10:30am, to raise money and awareness in support of a fellow year 4 mum, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Please come and join us to enjoy a tea/coffee and slice of homemade cake, in exchange for a donation. All are welcome.

If you can't make the coffee morning but would still like to support the event, we will be asking for baked goods homemade or bought, as donations dropped to the small hall, on the morning of the event.

In addition to this, a group of us (including some of the year 4 children) are running a 3k, 5k or 10k Race for Life on Sunday 3rd October at Crystal Palace Park. Our fundraising page is here:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st -marys-group (please sponsor one of the team) If you would like to come and cheer us on or join in the event, please do let us know!

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