



St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018



'In striving for academic excellence, you have also focused on creating an atmosphere that is described as 'giving a heart' to the school. This ensures that pupils not only achieve well in reading, writing and mathematics, but also that they learn to respect and understand each other.'

Ofsted September 2017



★ Dear Parents and Carers,



★ Welcome back to school and to the summer term. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday.

★ This first half of the summer term is a special and particularly important one, as children in Year 2 and Year 6 take their national SATs tests in May, with our Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 classes having their summer assessments. Children across the school are all showing wonderful interest in their learning and lessons. Our teachers and support staff are doing an excellent job in teaching and preparing children for this term's assessments, as well as encouraging them to keep calm and show the St Mary's Way.

★ To help children as they become more and more independent with their learning, routines and organisation, please continue to support your child by checking with them that their reading records are signed and packed in their school bags daily, that their homework is completed and ready to hand in. Thank you.



As you know, our St Mary's vision is, *'Together we aspire and believe, together we achieve.'* We look forward to working together in continued partnerships this summer term, to support our children to continue making progress in their learning and showing the St Mary's Way.

God bless, *Genevieve Prayag* Headteacher



Employment Skills Workshops for Parents

Monday 23rd April from 9am—11.30am

Through our partnership with School Home Support, we have an amazing opportunity for 8 parents to come along to our workshop and get help with your CV and job search skills. Staff from the London Stock Exchange will be on hand to support you in writing your CV. If you would like to register for a place please contact the school office.



London Stock Exchange

Techfast Workshop 9 - 10am on Tuesday 24th April

We are very excited to announce that on St. Mary's will be hosting their very first 'Techfast' workshop. The session will include a computing workshop, giving parents advice on handy tools and apps that can be used for home learning, as well as some tasty breakfast treats.

St. Mary's has been working with our experienced computing specialist, Donna Shah, who will also be leading the 'Techfast' workshop.

If you would like to attend, you will need to sign up at the school office by 9am on Monday 23rd April as places are limited.

Following on from the parent workshop, the children will be taking part in exciting computing lessons that will be linked to their new topic. Some activities include using virtual reality to make observations of historical places, making applications and using green screen applications to build a story.



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20



Attendance and Punctuality

This year we will be closely monitoring attendance and punctuality.

Your child should attend school every day. If your child is unwell please call the office to inform them. Please ensure your child arrives to school and is collected on time.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in sending your child to school please contact our School Home Support Practitioner Mariola. She will be very happy to talk to you about the difficulties, think about how this can be resolved and to plan how you and your child can be supported in the best possible way.

We would also like to remind you that applications for leave during term time will not be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, the application must be made to the Headteacher and she must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant granting the leave.

Please feel free to talk to Mariola on a Thursday or Friday when she is in school, drop in, contact her via phone or leave a message at the school office. The phone number you can contact her on is 07811 993986.

Thank you

Year 6 Prefects' News

Hall of fame children:

Reception: Hunter Year 1 : Sofia

Year 2: Alexys Year 3: Jai

Year 4: Temesgen Year 5: Charlotte

Year 6: Samir

This term everyone came back with lovely posters and projects with a smile. Thank you everyone for showing the St Mary's way throughout this week.

Year 6 Prefects, Millie and Samir

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Morning is every Monday from 9am until 9.30am. This is a wonderful time for parents and carers to socialise together over tea, coffee and biscuits. Please do come along, Miss Kelly our HLTA is looking forward to seeing you all.



Summer 2018 Term Clubs

We have sent home a list of clubs which we have on offer for the **SUMMER TERM 2018**. The cost is **£25** for the block of sessions, please note this will include any bank holidays, insets or school closures. Clubs will run for **10 weeks**, starting the week **beginning Monday 23rd April**, with the **last week** of clubs being **Monday 2nd July 2018**. **All clubs start at 3.30pm and end at 4.30pm**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You can pay using the online School Money system (with your password), the office are happy to assist if you have any difficulties with this.

| | Clubs KS1 (years 1 & 2) & KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) | | Led By |
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| Mon | Fun Club (games, team building) | KS1 & 2 | Miss Natalie |
| | Computer Club | KS1 & 2 | Mr Michael |
| Tue | Sports Club (multi skills from a range of sports) | KS1 & 2 | Coach Nathaniel with Miss Natalie |
| | Music Club | KS1 & 2 | Mr Rollo (music teacher) |
| Wed | Brazilian Football (outdoor PE kit needed) | KS2 | Tyrone |
| Thu | Kick London Street dance | KS2 | Chantice |
| | Brazilian Football (outdoor PE kit needed) | KS1 | Tyrone |
| Fri | Homework (A nice quiet learning environment to do some of their homework) | KS2 | Mr Michael |

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd April—9.00am Employment Skills Workshop for parents

Monday 23rd April—After school clubs start

Tuesday 24th April - 9.00am Techfast Workshop for Parents

Tuesday 24th April - Football Match boys & girls teams v Thornhill

Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 28th May—Fri 1st June—Half Term

Monday 4th June—Spring Term 2 starts

