



# St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019



'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,

The school, supports with the Islington Borough's campaign that encourages our local residents to make **small changes to their lives in order to make big changes** to the quality of air we breathe. We greatly encourage our parents and families to help look after the climate and environment by:



- **Walk, scoot or cycle instead of taking the car to school**
- **Turn off your engine when you are not driving (Leaving the engine on is called idling)**
- **Car share- so there is less cars in the road**
- **Use public transport**

**All these changes will help to reduce pollution and improve the quality of the air in our community so please help us in our mission for Cleaner Air.**

*Thank you Miss Prayag and the St Mary's Staff Team*



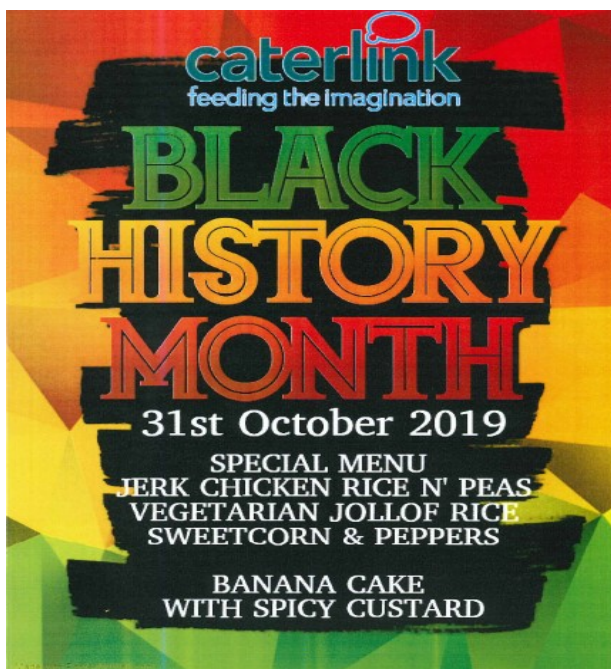
Dear Parents,

Looking for childcare? Want to find free and fun activities for your child? Do you need information and advice about where to turn for family support? Contact Islington's friendly team of family information service officers!

Islington FIS provides a childcare finding brokerage service for families with under 5s and school age children needing before and after school childcare and during holidays.

You can contact Islington FIS by phone, by email, or drop in on Thursday mornings, 9am to 12.30pm at the Customer Centre, N1 1XR.

*Dear Parents,*  
*Caterlink, the providers for our school dinner meals, will provide a themed menu, on **Thursday 31st October 2019** to celebrate **Black History Month**.*



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*



Dear Parents  
Mary's Half Term programme has many activities for all ages.



## Mary's Playscheme

**Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2019**

Onsite Activities 8.30am-5.30pm daily: Table football, consoles, sports hall, pool table, board games, table tennis and creative activities.

Booking is Required  
£24 per day  
£14 half day available on request  
Concessions available

HALF TERM

MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25
9.00AM - 10.00AM Induction Morning	9.00AM - 10.00AM Free Play	9.00AM - 10.00AM Human Bingo	9.00AM - 10.00AM Free Play	9.00AM - 11.00AM Movie Morning
10.00AM - 11.00AM Cooking: Fruit Cracker Pizza	10.00AM - 11.00AM Arts & Crafts - Clay Modelling	10.00AM - 11.00AM Cooking: Fruit Tarts	10.00AM - 11.00AM Cooking: Banana Fritters	11.00AM - 12.30PM Cooking: Flap Jacks
11.00AM - 12.30PM Team Building Obstacle Course	11.00AM - 12.30PM Basketball/Dodgeball	11.00AM - 12.30PM Arts & Crafts	11.00AM - 12.30PM Nature Art	1.30PM - 12.30PM Arts & Crafts - Still Life Drawings
1.30PM - 4.00PM Arts & Crafts	1.30PM - 2.30PM Cooking - Mini Quiches	1.30PM - 3.30PM 5-A-Side Football	1.30PM - 3.00PM Badminton	3.30PM - 5.30PM Free Play
* Trip* Highbury Fields	3.00PM - 5.30PM Free Play	* Trip* RAF Museum	3.00PM - 5.30PM Free Play	* Trip* Trampolining

### Ages 6-12

Please note, this half term we are asking all parents to please bring in a piece of fruit to be shared out between all children during snack time. Thank You

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### Friends of St Mary's Christmas Fair Get Together Meeting

This year's first FOSM Christmas Fair meeting will be held on **Thursday 31st October 2019 @ 2.30pm**

Please come along and help us support the school to have another successful Christmas Fair.

We would love to hear your ideas!

You can also come along to any coffee morning, **every Monday morning at 9am** to start the fair festivities flowing.

As a voluntary aided school, we rely greatly on fund raising. This helps towards the extra resources that government budget cuts have taken away from us. Extra money can provide the children with extra little luxuries like, an Easter Egg, a small gift from Santa at Christmas, a Christmas Pantomime and new costumes for the Christmas Production, etc.

Ideally we would like a parent representative from each class/year group to help. This is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for our child/children's school. **Thank You.**



### Reminders

### Islington Secondary School Admissions Deadline is 31st October 2019

Please ensure your child's application is completed on time with more than one school chosen.

We strongly recommend that you submit your application by Friday 18 October 2019 (the week before half term) in case there are any issues with submitting your application.

### Coffee Morning



Dear Parents/Carers,

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, Mrs Sutton, our HLTA is looking forward to seeing you all.



**Teacher2Parents App.** Join the Free Teacher2Parents App which offers you text updates and information you need to be able to keep up with what's going on at St Mary's school.



### Diary Dates



**Friday 18th Oct** - Last day of Autumn Term 1

**Mon 21st - Fri 25th Oct:** Half Term (school closed)

**Monday 28th Oct - Staff Inset Day (School Closed)**

**Tuesday 29th Oct** - First day back to school Autumn Term 2. **See you all promptly @ 8:55am.**

### Attendance and Punctuality

This Week our **Punctual Polly** is very happy to be going to **Y1 and Y2!**



Our **Attending Alfie** will also be going to **RE!**  
Keep up the good work!

Good school attendance is one of the main factors in determining children's future and opportunity in life. Good attendance is 96% and above.

Gulseren Sonmez  
SHS Practitioner

