



# St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 4th 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,

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for our Harvest Festival service at St Stephen's church on Thursday. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to thank God for all he has given us. Children sang wonderfully and showed respect and reverence. Well done to those who gave the bible reading and to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who led us into prayers, thanking God for our food, and praying for the farmers, those in our community and for our planet.



We have all been moved by the generous donations of food and toiletries that children brought in on Thursday to support the Islington Food Bank. Thank you to all of our families for your heartfelt contributions - this is truly wonderful, and will be a blessing to many. If you are on twitter you can see our Harvest tweet and photograph of your food contributions, which will go onto the Islington Food Bank. Thank you all so much.

Enjoy a peaceful weekend, Miss Prayag and the St Mary's Staff Team



We are super excited to announce that next week we will be starting our very own Magic Breakfast Playground Bagels scheme on Tuesday, (we are expecting our first delivery on Monday 7th).

This will also support our aim to ensure everyone is ready for learning. The bagels are free to the children with the aim to ensure that as many children start the day with breakfast!



This will be initially lead by our young leaders who will help to prepare the bagels and serve them each morning from 8.50am in the playground.

If any parents would like to be part of helping the Bagels Breakfast scheme in the mornings, please let the office know. Thank you.



"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



# October Half-Term 2019 PLAYSCHEMES

Islington Family Information Service  
www.islington.gov.uk  
020 7527 5959



Dear parents,

Islington Council provides a range of options for working families looking for childcare during the school holidays. Many of activities and services are free, such as adventure playgrounds and Easter Lunch Bunch. Holiday Playschemes are for children aged 4-11 years old, though there are other schemes that cater for older children. Islington council is providing these services at subsidised prices for Islington residents.

For more information look in our school foyer where we have placed various informative leaflets or the Islington Council website: [www.islington.gov.uk/Playschemes](http://www.islington.gov.uk/Playschemes).



## 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.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs started the week of the 16th September, last week being 25th Nov.  
As before, the clubs run for 10 weeks at the low cost, of £25 for the term.  
There are still some spaces left in various clubs, please check on School Money or call the school office to ask for more information.

## Diary Dates



**Tue 15th Oct** - 2.15pm Secondary School Application Meeting  
**Tue 15th Oct** - Y3 and Y4 Trip to British Museum  
**Wed 16th Oct** - Parent Evening  
**Thu 17th Oct** - Parent Evening  
**Fri 18th Oct** - Last day of Autumn Term 1 (school closes at 2:00pm)  
**Mon 21st - Fri 25th Oct** - Half Term (school closed)  
**Mon 28th Oct** - Inset Day (Whole School Closed)  
**Tue 29th Oct** - Back to School (8:55am)

## 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.

## Attendance and Punctuality



This Week our Punctual Polly is very happy to be going to **Rec**, Y1 and Y6!

Our Attending Alfie will be going to **Y2!**  
Keep up the good work!

By supporting children's excellent attendance we are giving them a better chance for a successful future!

Good attendance is 96% and above.

Gulseren Sonmez  
SHS Practitioner

