



# St Mary's Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020



'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,

As you will be aware, the UK is in the midst of a developing health concern regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Yesterday the government announced the UK is officially in the delay phase of their action plan.

At St Mary's school we remain open as advised by the government.

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to help prevent the spread of viruses.

If you or your child have a high temperature or a new, continuous cough, the guidance is to stay home for 7 days. You must ring the school office to notify us. For urgent advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if you feel you cannot cope with symptoms at home, your condition gets worse or you do not get better after 7 days.

Gov.uk information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

School is preparing for the government's possible next steps and continue monitoring updates and following government guidance, as well as guidance from the Public Health England (PHE), the NHS and our local authority Islington, as well as the LDBS.

Please ensure school has your up to date contact details.

We value your support and partnership, particularly at this time.

With our best wishes,

Miss Prayag and the St Mary's staff team



"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13



## NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

We are pleased to share with you that we have set up a new parent email account to improve communication between home and school.

From Monday 2nd March 2020, please do not send emails to the current school@ email.

We would like to stress that this is a confidential email address for parents only. It means that the office team would be able to read and reply to your emails more swiftly.

The new email address for parents wishing to contact the school is:

**parentsupport@stmarys.islington.sch.uk**

Best wishes, the Office Team

### Birthday Cakes & Treats

If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to bring in a cake, but please remember it has to be pre-cut into 30 pieces, also and most importantly **As We Are A Nut Free School**, please make sure that you check the all the ingredients of the cake and ensure that there are no Nuts in its content, **otherwise the cake will not be able to be given out and will be given back to you at the end of the day to distribute yourself to each parent, so they can choose if there child can have it or not.** Also please be considerate of the other children in your child's class that may have an allergy different to Nuts, you can always contact the office for advice. **Thank you.**

### Diary Dates

Thursday 19th March– 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 3 READING & Y6 to visit Little Angel Puppet Theatre

Friday 20th March– 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 4 READING

Monday 23rd March– LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Tuesday 24th March—Y4 trip to 3 DISCOVERY CENTRE

Friday 27th March– 9.05am Parent Workshop Year 5 READING & Road Safety puppet show for KS1

Wednesday 1st April– LAST SWIMMING for Y5

Thursday 2nd April: 9.45am Easter service at St Stephen's Church

Friday 3rd April– **LAST DAY OF TERM ~ SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm**

### Attendance & Punctuality



For last Week our **Punctual Polly** goes to Y6 & **Attending Alfie** goes to Rec.

Keep it up the good work!



Good school attendance is one of the main factors in determining a child's future and opportunities in life. Good attendance is **96%** and above.

Please ensure your child is in school on time (**08.55am**) everyday.

Thank you.



### Term Dates

Easter Holidays  
Mon 06.04.2020–  
Fri 17.04.2020

May Bank Holiday  
Fri 08.05.2020

May Half Term  
Mon 25.05.2020–  
Fri 29.05.2020

Summer Holidays  
Wed 22.07.2020



**“Let your light shine** before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” **Matthew 5:16**

