



# St Mary's Happy News!

News for our families and friends

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## Dates for your diary

**Sun 12th September**

Choir performing at St Mary's Church 11:00 - 12:30  
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**Fri 17th September AM**

Prayer Day  
in St Mary's Church  
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**Tue 21st September 3:30**

Meet the Teacher - ZOOM  
meeting for every class  
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**Wed 22nd September 9:15**

Growth Mindset Training  
session for parents  
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**HALF TERM 25/10 - 29/10**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
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**Thu 18th November PM**

Parents Evening  
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**INSET DAY Friday 26/11**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
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**END OF TERM 17/12 1PM**

## RESPECT

**Matthew 7:12**

*'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.'*

**Philippians 2:3**

*'In humility consider others better than yourselves.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your well wishes and congratulations on my recent marriage. A moving ceremony was conducted by Fr Steve at St Mary's alongside the angelic singing of the church choir. I will be changing my name to Mrs Graham.

It is lovely to see our children returning to school looking very smart in their new school uniform. They have calmly settled into their school day and have enjoyed sharing lots of exciting news about their summer break.

I would like to give a special welcome to all of the children in our new reception class. We hope that our families will enjoy their time at St Mary's school and we look forward to working in partnership with you. I would like to also welcome our new staff team, Miss Taylor, Miss Bennett, Miss Mignemi, Mr Skyrme, Miss Lewis and Miss Perez to St Mary's school. They have all settled in very well and have begun to build positive relationships with the children and our families.

In July, our staff reviewed our thematic curriculum to ensure that the key skills and knowledge that were missed are included, as well as reflecting our school context. Our children also reviewed the curriculum to ensure it reflects their learning preferences. You will shortly receive individual class newsletters which will give you more detail about our new curriculum and expectations.

I am very proud of the children who have joined our choir and they will be performing at St Mary's Church this Sunday, from 11:00, as part of the Church Harvest Picnic. I hope you can join us to enjoy their wonderful singing.

Farewell to Mrs Gaitan, Miss Safo, Miss Octave and Miss Macilraith who have gone on to new challenges.

Finally, I know how vital it is to work in partnership with parents in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of St Mary's.

Best wishes, Christine Graham

## Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed correctly. Shoes should be plain black and PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt and plain navy/black jogging bottoms with plain black plimsols/trainers. Children should not wear any jewellery to school other than plain stud earrings. Hair should be a natural colour.



Respect

Peace

Love

Forgiveness

Responsibility

Faith



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## Summer School

Over 100 children had a fantastic time at our Summer School this year, enjoying a wide range of exciting and healthy activities including sports, cooking, sculpture, art, poetry and music.



## Meet the Teacher

Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday 21st September as each class teacher will be welcoming our parents to their child's new class. The teachers will discuss the learning and routines for the year as well as answering any questions you may have.

## Harvest

We will be launching our annual Harvest collection appeal next week and we will really appreciate your generous contributions of dried and tinned goods. All donations will support those in most need during these challenging times.



## Healthy Schools

We are proud to have achieved the Healthy Schools London award. This award recognises the many initiatives we have put in place to ensure that all in our school community are supported to have healthy bodies and healthy minds.



## Punctuality

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have been on time at the beginning (8:45) and end of the day (3:15). If you are late for school in the morning, you will need to sign in using the electronic screen in the school lobby. Late charges of £5 per 15 minutes apply for any child not collected by 3:30.

## School Fund

A reminder that this vital funding, which we rely on to maintain the school premises, is due by the end of September. Please pay via Parent Pay - £30 for the year or £10 a term, sibling discounts are available.



## Caterlink

We are pleased to announce that we have begun working with a new catering company. Caterlink will be providing the children's school meals each day, using fresh ingredients. An electronic copy of the new menu has been sent out with this newsletter.

## Homework and Clubs

Please note that (apart from Maths personalised learning sheets), all homework will be delivered online. Please speak to the school if you require any support with devices or Internet access. Clubs will be beginning from 20th September and full details will be sent next week via ParentPay.

## Growth Mindset Training

All parents and carers are invited to join us on Wednesday 22nd September at 9:15. This valuable training will give you an insight into the approach we take at St Mary's to encourage every child to enjoy learning, do their very best and embrace challenges.

## PE days

Children should come to school dressed in their PE Kit:  
Tuesday - Year 1 and Year 2  
Thursday - Year 3 and Year 4  
Friday - Year 5 and Year 6

## We are here to help!

If you have any concerns related to your family's wellbeing, finances or practical issues, please get in touch by emailing the school at: [admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk) or by ringing the school on **0208 6902613**.

