



St Mary's Newsletter

News for our families and friends

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Dates for your diary

Fri 16th September 1:30pm

Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3

Teddy Bear's Picnic

St Mary's Church Garden

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Wed 21st September 8:30am

Prayer Day

St Mary's Church

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Tue 27th September

School Photographer

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Wed 28th September 9:00am

Harvest Worship

St Mary's Church

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Sun 23rd October 10:00am

1st Communion

St Mary's Church

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HALF TERM 21/10 - 28/10

SCHOOL CLOSED

(Fri 21st deferred bank holiday)

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Thu 17th November PM

Parents Evening

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INSET DAY Friday 18/11

SCHOOL CLOSED

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END OF TERM 15/12 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.'

Respect

Peace

Love

Forgiveness

Responsibility

Faith

Our school community is saddened by the news of the death of our Queen. Queen Elizabeth II was the Queen of the United Kingdom as well as the Head of the Commonwealth, the Sovereign of 14 Commonwealth Realms and the Head of the Church of England. Our deepest condolences go to our Royal Family who are in our thoughts & Prayers. I held a special worship with the children to reflect on our loss and to give thanks for Queen Elizabeth's wonderful life of service.

Queen Elizabeth II
21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

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, Ms Element, Mrs Harwat and Miss Johnson to St Mary's school. We were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Gaitan. 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.

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



Parents Welcome Meetings

We are delighted that we will be able to hold these in school this year, and we hope that all parents can attend to meet their new teacher and to hear about the exciting learning planned.

Nursery - Thursday 29th September 3:30PM
Reception - Thursday 29th September 3:00PM
Year 1 - Wednesday 14th September 8:45AM
Year 2 - Wednesday 14th September 8:45AM
Year 3 - Wednesday 14th September 8:45AM
Year 4 - Wednesday 14th September 8:45AM
Year 5 - Wednesday 21st September 4:30PM
Year 6 - Wednesday 21st September 5:00PM

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 26th September and full details will be sent next week via ParentPay.



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.



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.



Harvest

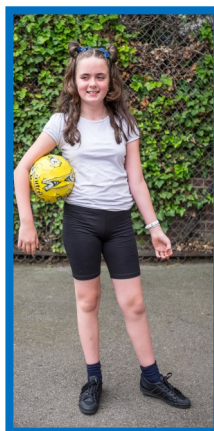
We will be launching our annual Harvest collection appeal next week and we will really appreciate your generous contributions of dried and tinned goods. All donations will support those in most need during these challenging times.



PE days

Children should come to school dressed in their PE Kit:

Tuesday - Y1 and Y2
Thursday - Y3 and Y4
Friday - Y5 and Y6



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 plimsolls/trainers. Children should not wear any jewellery to school other than plain stud earrings. Hair should be a natural colour.



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 or by ringing the school on **0208 6902613**.

