

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We always begin the summer term with a sense of excitement, excitement for new topics, new learning and new challenges – this term has been no exception.

In each year group and in each classroom there has been an enormous amount happening. In year 1 children completed their phonics screening test and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Year 2 began a new science topic – Forces – and they relished the opportunity to conduct experiments exploring forces. Some beautiful artwork has been produced by Year 3 as part of our work in the Walthamstow Forest Primary Parklet Project in which we hope artwork by our pupils will feature prominently. If you are looking for children knowledgeable about the Normans and the Norman Conquest, look no further than Year 4. Year 4 children have begun the new topic with great enthusiasm and will be experts in no time. It has been an athletic –and aquatic – few weeks for year 5: Attlee and Wilson went swimming while Morris worked on their athleticism in school. Finally, while temperatures have soared in London, Year 6 have been reading about somewhere a little cooler: Antarctica. The children have imagined themselves as a member of Ernest Shackleton's expedition and written some fantastic extended compositions.

I have been especially impressed, though not surprised, by the great sensitivity and thoughtfulness with which children at Saint Mary's have approached the lessons taught this week as part of our 'We Cannot Walk Alone' project. The children have learned about refugees and the difficulties they face. Throughout the week, the children have written thoughtful pieces of work demonstrating their understanding of the issues. As part of our work to support WFSCP, we are encouraging children to take part in a sponsored walk. You can read more about this in this edition of the newsletter.

With the height of summer fast approaching, I would like to end this edition of the newsletter with a quote from Psalm 147, "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains."

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

Collection & Drop Off Location Reminder

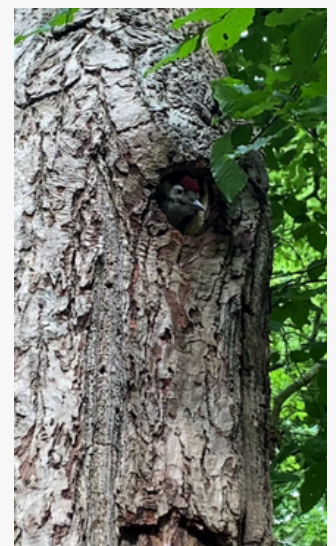
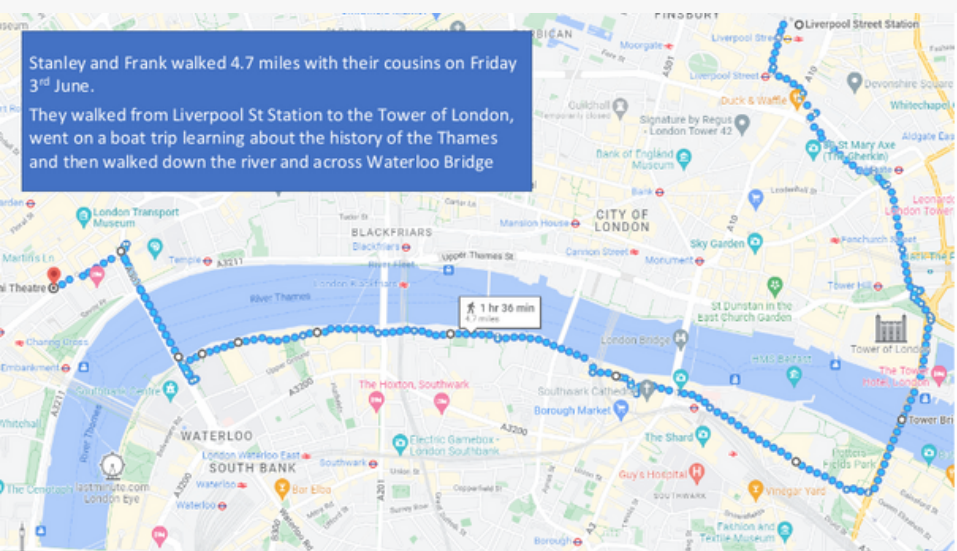
Collection and Drop-Off Locations

Attlee Classes	Chestnut South	<i>There will be no changes to the time of drop-off or collection.</i> Year 3, 4 5 and 6 will continue to operate a soft start in the mornings
Morris Classes	Chestnut North	
Wilson Classes	Brooke Road	

Year 6 classes will all have the same drop of location on Chestnut South

Sponsored Walk

It has been lovely to see some of the children's sponsored walk routes. With this in mind, we would like to extend the deadline to give more children the opportunity to participate in this fun event for our young transformers project. Children have now received their sponsor forms and have plenty of time to get walking, running or scooting before we select the winners. A special mention to Orla in year 1 Wilson, who sent in this adorable picture of a baby woodpecker during her sponsored walk. Also Stanley and Frank, who managed to walk an impressive 4.5 miles - seeing many of London's famous landmarks. We look forward to seeing even more entries over the coming weeks.



Attendance



Our whole school attendance for Week 7 was 94.73%.
Our whole school attendance for Week 8 was 95.67 %.

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 94.59%

Gentle Reminder:

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please leave a message for the office team on the school absence line by calling 020 8521 1066 and dialling 1.

Please ensure this message includes the reason your child is off sick - i.e. sore throat, temperature or stomach bug.

If you need to collect your child for a medical appointment during the day or they are late to school due to a medical appointment, you will need to provide the school office with an appointment letter/record.

Head Teacher Drop- Ins



Mrs Matthews holds a Tuesday morning drop in session, which takes place between 10:30-11:30 each week, please send an email to **st-marys-school@genesistrust.net** to make a 15 minute appointment.

Dates for your Diary.



June 2022

24th - Y3 &4 Madame Tussauds (Pupil Premium)

28th - Y5 Nuclear Forest (Mud Run)

29th - Y6 Nuclear Forest (Mud Run)

30th - Quiz Night (Adults only)

July 2022

1st - Y1 Colchester Zoo

8th - Y2 Paradise Wildlife Park

13,14,15th - Scootfit In School

26th - Last Day Before Summer Holiday

Important Messages

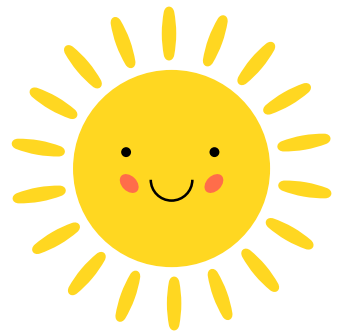
Careplans

If your child has a careplan at school, we are now in the process of getting these ready for review. If your child's doctor has made any changes to their medication or the procedure for caring for your child, please ensure these are noted on the form we will be sending out in the coming weeks.



Warmer Weather

As the temperature begins to rise, we would like all children to bring a water bottle and a summer hat to school. If your child needs sun cream, please could you apply this before we come to school.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the bag at our Chestnut Avenue South Gate. If your child is missing any of their items, please could you check the bag before half term. During the half term, this uniform will be washed and placed into our spare uniform box in the medical room if it is not collected.



Healthy Snacks



We would like to remind parents and carers that St Mary's is a Healthy School. Children should not bring chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks as morning snacks, if your child does bring these in, they will be replaced with a piece of fruit and sent home with them at the end of the school day. Please ensure that should you like to provide your child with a snack that it is a healthy option. Nut free cereal bars, yoghurt bars or fruit bars are recommended.

All children are encouraged to drink water regularly – please ensure that your child is bringing in their own water bottles, these can be refilled during the school day.



We are proud to be a nut free school!

School Nurse Drop In



Our wonderful School Nurse, Caroline, will be holding some drop in sessions for parents to pop in and meet her. If you would like to meet with Caroline, she will be in school for around an hour at the times below. No appointment is necessary as these are drop in sessions, we would just ask that you please wear a mask and complete a lateral flow test before attending.

July 4th 2022 - 9:15 - 10:15

Year 5 Wilson's Class Corner

Year 5 Wilson have had a wonderful start to the new half term, with swimming a particular highlight! There was so much progress that took place within the pool, and to see those improvements throughout the week was a pleasure; some children even undertook some "life-saving" training on the Thursday. I was so proud to see children celebrating others' success, as their peers moved from the shallow end to the middle or the middle section to the deep end; the St Mary's value of Caring was evident. In the classroom, everybody is excited and engaged with our new geography topic, 'Natural Disasters'. I am impressed with the pre-knowledge of the class as a whole, with a solid understanding of plate tectonics: how they have impacted the creation of mountains, valleys and canyons (which we covered in our North America topic), as well as how they are responsible for earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis. Outside of the classroom, I have never seen such cohesion in a year group: children's friendship groups are varied between classes and assessment for learning groups and there is a general positive atmosphere after the return to school. It has been a delight having the children back together as a home class and I feel very lucky to be their teacher

Mr Banks



Values

Since returning from the half term holiday, the children have begun our theme of spirituality; in particular we have been looking at the evidence and impact of spirituality. Last week, we looked closely at Jesus- who demonstrated a spiritual life and was also a courageous advocate. We learnt that to be spiritual we must be in touch with the World, nature and a greater being, This week, we learnt how The Pope demonstrates this theme and highlights how love for the poor is central to following Jesus: "Let us love not with words but with deeds."

Young Transformers

Our Summer Curriculum



EYFS - Curiosity

As far as important species go, bees are on top of the list. Summer is the time for bees, flowers and honey. EYFS classes will learn how bees live and how they are fundamental to existence. We will meet a real beekeeper who will tell us about the different types of bees out there and we even get to taste different types of honey. By looking after our wildlife, we create a harmonious world.

Year 2- Community

Immigration has helped us to become the prosperous society we are today. Year 2 children will learn about immigration, ancestry and London's diverse communities. They will also learn that many people are less fortunate and seek to make out a future here. We will work closely with our church to support refugees who have recently entered the UK. By looking after the most vulnerable people in society, we reveal our true community spirit.

Year 4 - Confidence

In the summer, year 4 will hold a travel survey to see how pupils travel to school. To promote scooting, cycling, walking and skipping to school, the children will work with professionals scooter experts to improve their road safety and scooting skills. By getting on your scooter or bike, you help to eradicate pollution.

Year 6 - Community

Now we have reached the end of our primary school years, we celebrate our time with a school sleepover party. Bring pyjamas and a sleeping bag; the rest is all taken care of. By remembering our time together, we step with confidence into the future.

Year 1 - Curiosity

Have you ever wondered how food ends up in the supermarket? This term, pupils and parents will grow and harvest their own vegetables in gardens or allotments. Ingredients are used to make and sell healthy dishes in our pop up kitchen. Not only will children learn how to grow their own produce, they will share it as well. By growing, harvesting and sharing our produce, we aim to change the way we appreciate food.

Year 3 - Curiosity

Some say that robots will take over the world. We are not so sure. This term, children in Year 3 will learn what robots are and where they are used in industries to help production. They will become familiar with the notion of automation. We will invite students from Imperial College to show how robots work and children will have the chance to operate them. By mastering robotics, we can achieve the unthinkable for the best of humankind.

Year 5 - Curiosity

This summer, Year 5 pupils will ask the question: 'What is truth? Pupils will become critical readers of history and current news to interrogate concepts such as bias, prejudice and power. The truth according to whom? Who is to gain and who misses out? By challenging accepted theories and structures, we reveal uncomfortable truths

Home- Mandatory Confidence

Breaking records is all about improving yourself. We want every pupil to set themselves a challenge to break a sporting record. This could be push ups in a minute, skipping without stopping, or swimming lanes in the pool. Use this term to become an expert at a particular sporting feat by breaking records: don't give up. By breaking personal best records, we set ourselves no limits to what can be achieved.

For more information on our Young Transformers Project, please visit our Young Transformers pages under the Pupils tab on the St Mary's website.

Quiz Night

Test your knowledge and strain your brain at the St. Mary's Quiz Night!

We would like to invite those whose specialist subjects are worthy of 'Mastermind', and the others of us who are looking for a fun excuse to share their celebrity knowledge and recall of fabulous trivia, to our Quiz Night on Thursday 30th June from 6:30pm (quiz to start at 7pm) in the School Gym.

Please note that this is an adults only event. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

A varied, but well-crafted set of questions will be posed by our fabulous quizmaster, the inimitable Mr Banks, with a special round created by some of the pupils in our school. Prizes to be announced at a later date. Please buy your tickets here: <https://forms.gle/7XaVSkUSr4KW6j4y8>

Details :

£10 per ticket.

6 - 8 people per team - if you don't have a team, we can allocate you one on the evening.

BYOB.

We look forward to having a fun evening at the Quiz Night – do join us.

Parent Prayer



Parent Prayer is on Wednesday evenings at 8pm on Zoom- twenty minutes of prayer and reflection. A relaxing space for parents to come together at the end of the day. All are welcome!

If you would like the zoom link, please email Jacintha Danaswamy at: jacintha@stmaryswalthamstow.org.

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St. Mary's Christian Vision

I AM THE VINE AND YOU
ARE THE BRANCHES. IF
YOU REMAIN WITH ME AND
I WITH YOU, THEN YOU
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.
(JOHN 15).