

# ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have raced by in a blur of exciting trips and school visits. From the Museum of London to the swimming pool; and from Mud Run to Madam Tussauds, children at Saint Mary's have had some amazing experiences in the last few weeks: it has been a joy to hear children breathlessly recount their experiences. And there are even more exciting events taking place in the near future!

As you know, we recently dedicated a week to teaching the children about displacement. The overarching theme of the week has been *We Cannot Walk Alone*. In each year group, children read a carefully chosen text and they have all produced some thoughtful and considered work. Year 1 also learned about the three states of matter, changes of state and even evaporation. Year 2 read *The Journey* a book about a young refugee who seeks safety in another country. The children thought deeply about the issues raised by the book and went on to write some great pieces in literacy. Year 3 read an emotive book called *Azzi in Between*. The book prompted the children to think about migration and cultural diversity; as well as the challenges faced by people who move to an entirely new country. Year 4 continued their work on the Normans and now know that Stamford Bridge isn't just the name of a football stadium in Chelsea. Children in year 4 also conducted some experiments to see the effect that regular brushing – or a lack thereof – has on one's teeth. Year 5 have had a very busy week. The children tackled muddy obstacles during The Nuclear Mud Run trip and then learned about natural disasters in topic. Year Six have continued to make the most of their final few months at St Mary's. Currently, the children are writing letters to the Housing Association as part of their project on refugees; they have shown immense compassion and understanding for the plight of others around the world and should be very proud of their mature response to our learning.

I would like to end this edition of the newsletter with a quote Romans 13:8 "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews

# Collection & Drop Off Location Reminder

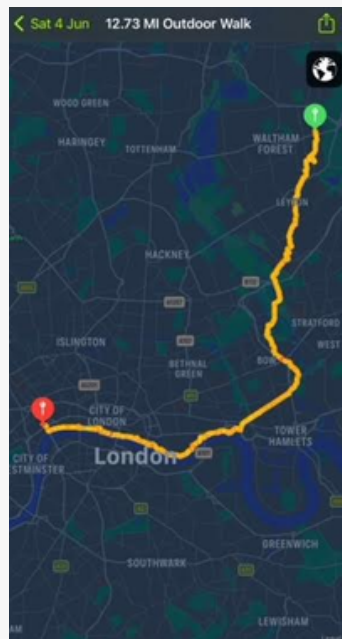
## Collection and Drop-Off Locations

Attlee Classes	Chestnut South	<b><i>There will be no changes to the time of drop-off or collection.</i></b>  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

We have been overwhelmed by the effort and creativity that the children have put into our sponsored walk fundraising event. We are extremely grateful for the generosity from friends and family of St Mary's children and are pleased to announce that we have raised over £3000 for our chosen organisation. Winners of the photography competition and the class with the most money raised or distance travelled will be announced at the end of next week, once we have received all entries.



# Attendance



**Our whole school attendance for Week 9 was 94.9%.  
Our whole school attendance for Week 10 was 95.54%.**

**Well done St Mary's!**

**Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 94.62%**

## **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](mailto:st-marys-school@genesistrust.net)** to make a 15 minute appointment.

# Dates for your Diary.



## July 2022

**5th** - Class Photos Retake

**6th** - Reception London Zoo Trip

**8th** - Y2 Paradise Wildlife Park

**13,14,15th** - Scootfit In School

**26th** - Last Day Before Summer Holiday



# Important Messages

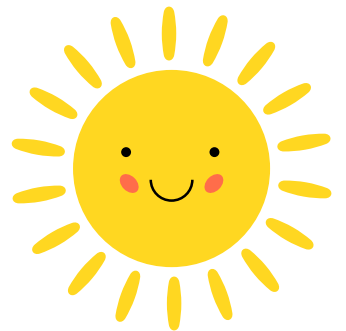
## Careplans

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 3 Wilson's Class Corner

Year 3 have had an amazing few weeks and had a wonderful trip to the Museum of London. We were able to explore how London has changed over the years from Roman London to Post-War London. The children were also very excited by the Harry Kane exhibition. We have also had a fantastic week of swimming where all the children showed amazing courage and bravery in the pool. It has been amazing to see the progress made from the start of the year to now in their swimming lessons they have all come such a long way. I have been very impress with the way Wilson have settled back into their home classes and it is a joy to all be together again.

Miss Jackson



## Values

### **Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

This week, our value has been trust - the firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something. God teaches us that when we are faced with difficulty, we should have have trust in Him and we should continue to preserve, even when we feel like giving up. They learnt to have trust in Him and to continue, even when we feel like giving up.

Through the Muslim story of The Fisherman the children learnt that the Arabic word for 'Trust' is Amanah – it means faithfulness and reliability. The story taught them how the fisherman had to have faith in God. It taught them that God does not send us trials without the means to seek relief.

# 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.**



# Parent Prayer Group

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](mailto: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).