

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Term 1- Week 1 & 2



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope everyone had a restful and restorative summer holiday. We have enjoyed a wonderful and successful start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome our pupils back to school and to welcome new families to the St Mary's community.

Our first week began with Sports Day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, despite the rain! Many children said how much they valued the range of activities. The mixed-age teams provided a great demonstration of teamwork, kindness and encouragement, as pupils supported and celebrated one another throughout the day. Please take a moment to enjoy the photographs overleaf. The inflatable football dartboard and boxing activities proved particularly popular.

Whole school attendance for this week is an excellent 98%. Regular attendance is one of the biggest factors in how well children do in school - even a few days missed adds up, so thank you for getting your child in each day.

I would like to close the newsletter with a message that is especially resonant at the start of a new academic year: "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Best wishes, Joe Pitchford

Key Dates

21st September
School Nurses
Visit for Flu
Vaccinations

21st September
Speech Competition
Deadline

**23rd-25th
September**
Y6 Residential
Trip

7th October
Individual
class photos

Sports Day Fun!

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Last week, St Mary's took part in our Sports Day. Our amazing children joined forces with pupils from across Years 1-6, working together in mixed-age teams to complete a range of exciting activities.

The children enjoyed familiar favourites, including space hopper relays, fancy-dress relays and the traditional egg-and-spoon race. This year, we also introduced some fantastic new challenges. Pupils tested their accuracy on a giant inflatable football dartboard before donning their gloves for an energetic boxing challenge, competing to see which team could hit the most targets.

Throughout the day, the mixed-age teams demonstrated wonderful teamwork, encouragement and kindness.

After such an action-packed Sports Day, it is only right to say that every child who participated was a winner!



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Reminders

Medication

If your child has medication in school, please check that it is in date and that we have the correct expiry details on record. If there have been any changes to their medication or care plan, please let the office know in writing and send in any updated documents from your GP.

Healthy Snacks

As St Mary's School is a Healthy School, please send only healthy snacks such as fruit. Chocolate, crisps, and fizzy drinks will be replaced with fruit and sent home. Please also make sure your child brings a water bottle each day, as we encourage regular water drinking.

We are proud to be a nut free school.

Please note that 'may contain nuts' is not suitable.

Umbrellas, Helmets and Large Rucksacks

Please be reminded that our classrooms and cloakrooms can safely accommodate a book bag or a small St Mary's rucksack, along with a jacket.

For safety reasons, umbrellas and helmets must be taken home by parents and carers. Large rucksacks required for overnight stays can be stored safely in the school office during the day.

Thank you for your cooperation.





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CONFIDENCE

Baby Dino Experience

Y1

CURIOSITY

Magician

Y2

CURIOSITY

Animal Workshop

Y3

CARING

Falconry

Y4

CONFIDENCE

Forest School

Y5

COMMUNITY

Singing in town square

Y6

CURIOSITY

ProfessorBubbleworks

HELP US SHAPE EXPERTS AT HAND IN WALTHAM FOREST



Right support,
right time,
right for you
& your child.

Parents and carers – we want to hear from you!

Experts at Hand will bring Educational Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists and Specialist Teachers into schools and settings to provide earlier support.

**Have your say on how it
should work in Waltham Forest.**



Children
and young
people
at the heart

Stronger support
brighter futures



**SURVEY OPENS:
9am Friday
4 September**



**SURVEY CLOSES:
5pm Friday
25 September**



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draw to win one of

5 x £20

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