

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

I must begin this weeks newsletter with a huge congratulations to our wonderful Y6 children who completed their SATs this week. I know they thoroughly enjoyed their special SATs breakfast and afternoon treats! I am so very proud of the children's accomplishments and look forward to sharing our activities and plans for the rest of the term via a special Y6 newsletter coming soon!

As you know we are extremely passionate at St Mary's with regard to offsite visits. We recognise the huge impact that these have on pupil's understanding, pupil's well-being and they provide excellent learning and social opportunities for the children. I am delighted to be offering such a wide range of trips this year, from the Nuclear Forest to Paradise Wildlife Park. I am sure much fun will be had by all. Please keep an eye out for photos and updates in the newsletter of these trips.

Over this year, we have been inviting in inspirational visitors to speak to our children and share their experiences. We have had four visitors so far who have shared their experiences and offered the children the opportunity to be curious and open their eyes to the possible aspirations. I have previously mentioned our visits from Father Jarrell and Debbie Weekes-Bernard but more recently we have been visited by David Holby, a former St Saviour's student and now international rugby coach, who shared his journey of transformation.

I would like to end this newsletter with a biblical quote around confidence and self-belief: 'So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.' Hebrews 10:35-36

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Matthews

Headteacher

# Attendance



**Our whole school attendance for Week 3 was 96.5%.  
Our whole school attendance for Week 4 was 96.5%.**

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 94.6%

## **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.



## **May 2022**

- 21st** - Year 1 & 2 - Pupil Premium Trip - Kidzania
- 23rd** - Reception 2022 Starter Form Deadline
- 27th** - Last day before May Half Term

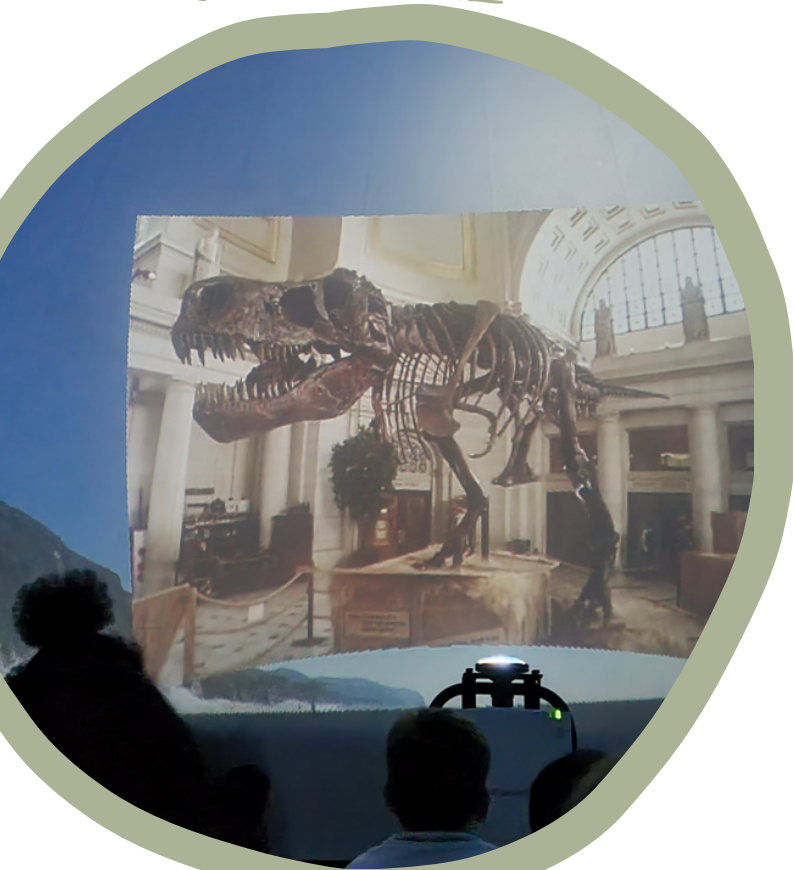
## **June 2022**

- 6th** - First day back after May Half Term
- 10th** - Y4 Science Museum
- 17th** - Y3 Museum Of London
- 28th** - Y5 Nuclear Forest (Mud Run)
- 29th** - Y6 Nuclear Forest

## **July 2022**

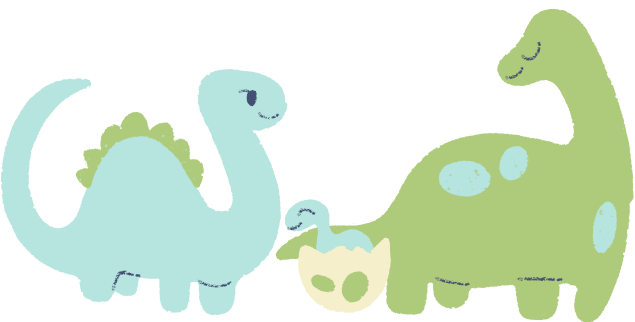
- 1st** - Y1 Colchester Zoo
- 8th** - Y2 Paradise Wildlife Park
- 13,14,15th** - Scootfit In School
- 26th** - Last Day Before Summer Holiday

# SCIENCE DOME VISIT



We have been so lucky to have the science dome visit us at St Mary's. We had a showing of 'Dinosaurs at Dusk' We got to watch the dinosaurs by taking to the skies to discover the origins of flight!

We also got to see in 3D how the dinosaur's lived and how new discoveries of dinosaurs are still impacting our lives today. Thank you so much to Giuseppe for presenting his amazing show!





# Important Messages

## Reception 2022 Admissions

If you have got a child starting with us at St Mary's, you will have now received their starter forms by post and via email. If you have not yet completed and returned these forms, please could we remind you that they need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 23rd May 2022**.



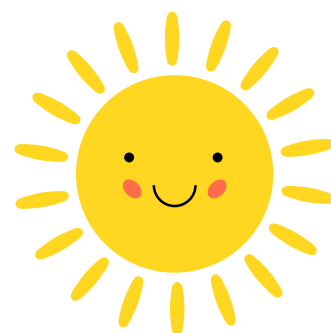
## Careplans

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.



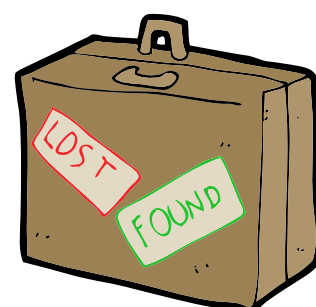
## Warmer Weather

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.

June 6th 2022 - 14:30 - 15:30

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

# Young Transformers

## Our Summer Curriculum



### **EEYFS - 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.**

# Our Councils



This week, the School Council, the Learning Council and the Eco Warriors met up to formally introduce themselves to one another, established the role of each council/team, how we carry ourselves as councillors/representatives and our areas of responsibilities. Over the next few weeks, the children engaged with these Public Services will endeavour to uncover how their peers feel about a range of topics and issues and will come together to create action plans going forward to benefit the entire school community. We are very excited to see how enthusiastic each member of the Public Services is and cannot wait to share the impact of their actions with you soon!

We will meet again soon and will keep you updated.



# 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](mailto:jacintha@stmaryswalthamstow.org).



# 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).