

SUMMER TERM LAST WEEK

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we will be returning to home classes after half term, with our usual Assessment for Learning groups taking place during the schools day. This does mean some changes to drop-off and collection times which I have included for your reference again below in this weeks newsletter.

I am also delighted to share with you some exciting news in regards to our ongoing building works. This week, our brand new Reception and Year 1 classes in the main school building will be completed and ready to handover. During the half-term, we will be setting our brand new classrooms up ready for our youngest children to return back to their intended rooms for our final term. Additionally, our Year 6 children will also return to the main school building too!

Next term, the children will be learning all about refugees and displacement issues. As part of this project we are supporting a local charity group, helping them to sponsor a refugee family to set up their home in Walthamstow. Our children have met the sponsor leads and they are very excited to work on the many projects we have planned for them, culminating in the cultural festival at the end of the term for which you will all be invited. More information on this will come your way in June.

With so much to look forward to, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and restful May half term and I am looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th June 2022.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews

### 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

As part of our young transformers project we strive to educate children about the World around them. With this in mind, we will be participating in Refugee Week after half term and are excited to explore the theme of displacement.

In order to help raise funds, we are inviting all children to participate in a Sponsored Walk - over their half term holiday.

This half term (May 29th – June 4th) we are inviting the children to participate in a sponsored walk. They can walk, run, scoot or cycle a route of their choice. We are asking all children to complete at least a mile, but they can walk even further should they wish too.

All monies raised will go directly to WFCSP. We would ask all sponsor forms to be returned to the class teacher by Friday 10th June 2022 with all monies to be sent to the school in an envelope marked with your child's name.

We would love to see as many children as possible completing this fun event. It would be fantastic if the children could take photos of interesting landmarks on their route or provide a Strava map of their chosen route. We are encouraging children to be creative with this event and would greatly appreciate your support to facilitate their success.

Of course, we will also be offering prizes to the classes which walk, scoot, run and cycle the furthest or raise the most money. In addition, we have also allocated prizes for the most creative route and interesting pictures.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

# Attendance



**Our whole school attendance for Week 5 was 96.5%.**

**Our whole school attendance for Week 6 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

**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

## 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**.



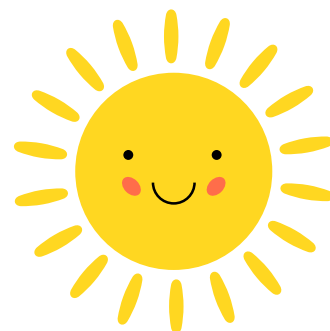
## Careplans

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.



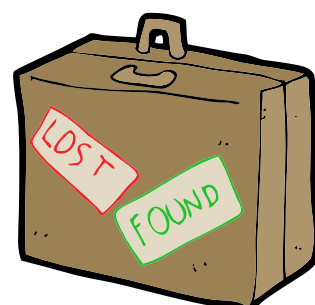
## Warmer Weather

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.**

# 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](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).