

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



'Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be.'

3 MAY, 2019

NEWSLETTER NO: 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, incidents of knife crime continue to increase and primary schools are starting to see a pattern of young people who are desensitised by incidents involving knives. Children are reporting that this is 'normal nowadays' and 'a part of growing up'. As a consequence there has been an increase in children acting out, talking about and even making threats in primary school settings across London.

In the light of the recent incidents in Hackney yesterday where a young person was killed, police have asked schools to pass this advice and information on to you.

Please ensure your child is reminded of usual sensible safety precautions e.g. not travelling alone later in the evening, letting you know where they are and when they will be home. Also for the coming weekend police advise children/young people not to hang around in groups in public places. There will be an increased police presence around the borough over the coming days to provide reassurance.

If you are concerned about a specific child or group of young people, or a location where you feel children are unsafe please contact the council's **First Access and Support Team (020 8356 5500, Out of hours: 020 8356 2710)**. For urgent concerns about any young person do contact the police. If you would prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so online through the Fearless website (www.Fearless.org).

Together we need to spread the message to our young people that this is not normal and that the impact it has on people lives spreads further than just the victim or perpetrator, it impacts on friends, families and communities.

I am saddened to be sharing this information in the newsletter however I hope it will highlight the importance of continuing to have those age appropriate conversations with your children about what is right / wrong and how to keep themselves safe in the community.

I wish you all a peaceful bank holiday weekend and will see you in school on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Mrs O'Brien
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

SUMMER 1 2019

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
3	Monday 6 th May 2019	BANK HOLIDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
3	Thursday 9 th May 2019	KS1 Maths SATs	YR2
3	Friday 10 th May 2019	KS1 Maths SATs	YR2
4	Monday 13 th May 2019	KS2 SATs week	YR 6
4	Friday 17 th May 2019	Year 4 trip to Science Museum	YR 4

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to remind parents of the importance of getting your child to school on time. Many of you are never or rarely late, this is great, well done.

However, we have noted that the main office has been extremely busy after the gate has closed at 9am with late comers. It is our job to highlight to you that when a child is late the impact on a child is loss of learning. At St Mary's children late in the morning will be missing out of the fundamental lesson of reading.

This is time that your child will not get back and it will impact on their achievement throughout their school career. We have noticed slower progress for some children who are persistently late. Being late regularly (persistently poor punctuality) is not acceptable and not fair on the child. Children often feel embarrassed or uncomfortable as they enter the classroom late or when their class does not achieve awards for punctuality.

Please get your routines organised so that your child does not miss out on their learning and we do not have to keep communicating with parents both collectively and individually about this.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% in school	Rank
R	89.84	6TH
1	87.88	7TH
2	99.21	1ST
3	96.76	5TH
4	98.77	2ND
5	97.62	4TH
6	98.47	3RD



PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class		
R	0	1ST
1	1	2ND
2	2	3RD
3	6	6TH
4	2	3RD
5	3	5TH
6	8	7TH



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Congratulations to all the children that have received the star of the week award at our celebration assembly this week.

Children receive these by 'living out' one or more of our school values.

**HOPE
COURAGE
LOVE
RESPECT
TRUTH**

Nursery	ADEENA
Reception	AMORE
Year 1	JOSHUA
Year 2	PHILLIPA
Year 3	SAM
Year 4	DESTINY & JAYSEAN
Year 5	ARSHIA
Year 6	GARETH



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

A prayer about knife crime following recent incidents in the community.

Heavenly Father,

We pray that you guide us in understanding how we can help our young people to make the right choices when it comes to staying safe on our streets and knife crime.

We hope to one day fill our streets with peace and unity.

Thank you to the families, men and women who work tirelessly to support and help young people, educating them so that they can make the right choices.

We pray for the police and emergency services that help protect us.

Empower us all to be peacemakers in our communities.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

SCHOOL NOTICES

KS2 SNACKS

Children in KS 2 are allowed to bring in snacks' for break time but it must be fresh/dried fruit. Cereal bars and plantain crisps and similar are not allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter



Key dates for parents - summer 2019

Week	Date	Event / activity
2.	Thursday 2 nd May 19	KS1 reading SATs
2.	Friday 3 rd May 19	KS1 reading SATs
3.	Monday 6 th May 19	Bank Holiday
3.	Wednesday 8 th May	Reception trip to Clissold park 11-12.15pm
3.	Thursday 9 th May 19	KS1 maths SATs Year 3 trip to Natural History museum
3.	Friday 10 th May 19	KS1 maths SATs
4.	Monday 13 th May 19	KS2 SAT's week
4.	Friday 17 th May 19	Year 4 trip to Science museum
5.	Monday 20 th May 19	YR 2 trip to Natural History Museum all day YR 1 trip to Walford Rd synagogue. PM YR 6 trip to Ragged Museum. PM
1.	Friday 7 th June 19	Hispanic day
2.	Monday 10 th June 19	SRE week Phonics test week

2.	Thursday 13 th June 19	2.50 pm Nursery Class Assembly
2.	Friday 14 th June 19	Year 5 girls visiting Our Lady's convent school
3.	Monday 17 th June 19	EYFS Welcome meeting 9am / 4.30pm
3.	Wednesday 19 th June 19	Year 1 music festival am Year 3 music festival pm
3.	Thursday 20 th June 19	2.50 pm Reception class assembly
3.	Friday 21 st June 19	Sports day
4.	Friday 28 th June 19	Summer fair – TBC
5.	Thursday 4 th July 19	Year 6 transition day
6.	Tuesday 9 th July 19	Optional Parents Evenings
7.	Wednesday 10 th July 19	Year 6 Production – 6pm
7.	Monday 15 th July 19	Meet the teacher morning for the children/Handover
7.	Tuesday 16 th July 19	Year 6 leavers Church Service 2pm (tbc)
7.	Friday 19 th July 19	School ends 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays