

# St Mary's News

**St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School**  
Barn Street, Stoke Newington,  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we reflected on the past 7 weeks and how much we have all learned and experienced. We are very excited for the half term break and are now looking forward to what the next half term brings as we head towards Christmas.

On Monday 28th October the street outside our school entrance (Barn St), becomes a 'school street'. This means that the street will be closed to unauthorised vehicles at times when the children are arriving and leaving school. This is being put in place to firstly keep the St Mary's community safe on Barn St, which you will be aware is quite dangerous when cars are manoeuvring. We hope it will also encourage walking to school and also help reduce pollution levels in the vicinity. Please find more details further on in the newsletter and on the postcard your child should have received today in their book bag.

To launch St Mary's School Street initiative the council are planning a celebration play street event after school with a play street, set up for children and parents to stay and play directly afterschool until 5pm on Monday 28th October (launch day). We hope you will stay around to enjoy the fun.

Have a fabulous half term break and we will see you back at school on Monday 28th October.

Mrs O'Brien

Headteacher



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- **Friday 18th October, school breaks for the half term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 28th October 2019**
- **30th October 3.30–5pm School Disco For years 1–6 only Tickets are on sale.**

**St Mary's have taken their first delivery of First News a newspaper especially for children. Our first copies will be available in Years 4, 5 and 6.**

**FirstNews**  
NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

# Prayer and reflection

A line in the Lord's Prayer asks God to 'Give us this day our daily bread'. When we say that line, we're asking God to provide the basic things in life that keep us healthy and happy. It can start with the food we need to eat each day, but for lots of different reasons, not everyone has enough and therefore this Harvest time St Mary's have donated to the local food bank.

Father,

We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.



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## **THE PARENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) OF ST MARY'S NEEDS YOU!**

We desperately need more parents and carers to join the PTFA and help with organising and running events and other fundraising and social activities.

If you are interested, please either email the PTFA on [stmarysptfan16@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysptfan16@gmail.com) or come along to a meeting in the school hall on Tuesday 29 October at 9am (straight after morning drop off).

Without more volunteers, we will not be able to run the disco on Wednesday 30 October or the Christmas Fair on Friday 6 December.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER!**



## CELEBRATIONS

R	RAHEEM
1	KAI-JAH
2	DUKE
3	N/A
4	YEVAI
5	NEMO & SARA
6	ISABEL

*“Headteachers’ stars of the week are given to pupils who have demonstrated that they are living out our school values. This is celebrated with a special tea party.”*



*“Celebrating children's skills and knowledge . Awards chosen by specialist teachers and staff.”*

SPANISH	DESTON—RECEPTION
MUSIC	N/A
PE	ROSIE—YR 4

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARDS

Class	Attendance %	Rank	Number of lates (punctuality)	Rank
R	97.10	2ND	10	6TH
1	93.42	7TH	1	1ST
2	97.10	2ND	10	6TH
3	96.43	5TH	9	5TH
4	95.30	6TH	6	4TH
5	99.04	1ST	3	3RD
6	96.58	4TH	2	2ND



Attendance
YEAR 5



Punctuality
YEAR 1

*“ Good attendance and punctuality is a large factor in positive outcomes for children. Lets all aim to be here every day and on time. Missing school = Missing learning. ”*

## Personalised Santa Sacks

Surprise your child with a wonderful personalised Santa Sack, and raise money for St. Marys School at the same time.

<https://www.sforders.co.uk/3vZ1UR6Ws>

**The online shop will close on 19th October 2019, after this date you will be unable to order.**



### SCHOOL HALF TERM

School closes today for the half term holiday, children should return to school on Monday 28th October 2019.

# Harvest Festival Donations

**Thank you!**

**We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that donated food to the local foodbank. Some of our Year 6 children delivered the food and learned more about how the food bank helps local people. You will have helped nourish families in need and given them faith and hope in the kindness of others.**



# PUPIL POST

## WRITTEN BY THE PUPILS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

# Harvest Festival

This week in pupil post we will be talking about our Harvest festival donations.

You may have received a letter on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> asking you to bring in food. You may be wondering where this food goes? The year 6 students thought this too, but now we know...

IT GOES TO THE FOOD BANK!

## Food bank at St Mary's Church

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> October, six Year 6 students carried all the food you brought into school, to St Mary's Church. A few volunteers from the local community run the food bank for people in need. You may think that most people that use the food bank are homeless however they are mostly like you and me.

Every Thursday a giant delivery of do-

nated foods such as, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables arrives at the church.

These have to be sorted into different categories and expiry dates have to be checked before they are stored on the shelves. This foodbank supports 30-40 families per week.

Anyone could find themselves in this situation so let's all think about how we can continue to support our local foodbank and people in our community.

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!**



## **Would you like to find out more about your child's learning and events at St Mary's School?**

Following us on Twitter is the perfect way to do this.

This week St Mary's have tweeted about Reception class' 'special day', Year 1's visit to the library, Year 4's trip to the science museum, Year 5's space projects, our Harvest collection and being accredited with the

TFL'S STARS bronze award.

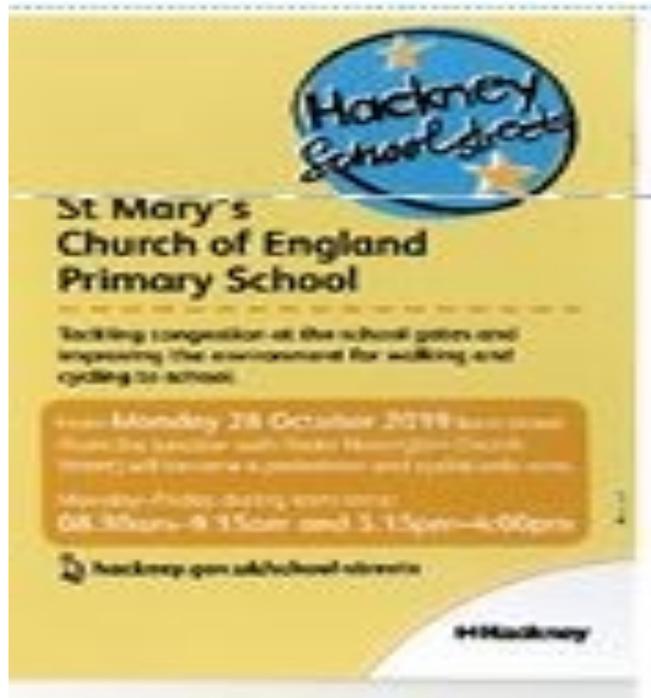
If you are not following us you are missing out!

Set up twitter and follow

StMarysSchN16

Our 50th parent follower will receive a £20 supermarket voucher!





### How will it work?

Barn Street will be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone from 45 minutes twice a day at school opening and closing times.

**8.30 –9.15AM AND 3.15PM—4.00PM**

- Vehicles will be banned from entering the street between these times unless they have been given an exemption.
- Residents living in Barn Street will be able to register for an exemption if Barn Street is the only access to the property, or if they are a blue badge holder.
- Parents or carers can register for an exemption to drop their children off to school if they or their child are a blue badge holder.
- We'll put up signs to inform drivers of the restrictions before the entrance to the closed street.
- Non-registered vehicles entering the street during the times of operation will be identified by camera and automatically issued a fixed penalty charge notice.

