

St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School



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

19 January, 2018

Newsletter No: 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you are finding receiving communications from school via email more effective. Please spread the word with other parents as we have a few people that have not handed in their email addresses to the school office.

It is that time of year when there is a lot of sickness absence for children, staff and I'm sure parents too. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please remember to call the school office that morning.

As much as possible, when staff are poorly we try to cover their roles with a member of the St Mary's staff team. However on occasions, when we are unable to, we do use supply staff to ensure we have adequate support throughout the day. Please be assured that we always try to limit the disruption to children as much as possible.

I wish you all well and hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs O'Brien

Attendance and punctuality

Mrs McKelvey monitors attendance and punctuality with the support of the attendance office at the Hackney Learning Trust.

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.50am to ensure all children are ready to start learning at 9am. Therefore we would ask you to aim to get your child to school by 8.55am. Anyone arriving after the gate is closed will be marked as late, as at this time (9am) your child should be starting their learning.

If you are late and you enter via the office, please stop to register your child with the office staff. If the office is not informed, your child will not be recorded as in school, as class registers close at 9am. This is important for safeguarding all children in school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 25th January 2018 – Year 6 Assembly at 2.50pm
- Thursday 1st February 2018 – Year 5 Assembly at 2.50pm
- Half term week – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th 2018

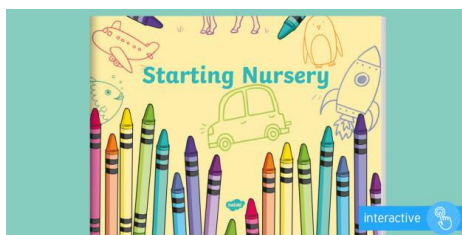
After school clubs

There are still spaces in all our after school clubs, (except choir). Please call into office to register if your child would like to attend one of our clubs.



Nursery/ Applications

Application forms for admission into Nursery in September 2018 can be obtained from the school office. Children must be 3 Years old by 31st August 2018 to be eligible for a nursery place at St. Marys.



PTFA News

MONTHLY CAKE SALES - Spring and summer terms

Its competition time again!

Which house can raise the most money?

We are asking parents in each house to get together and come up with some fun ideas for our cake sales. Cakes are popular but you can choose a different kind or healthier type of food (last year popcorn and ice-lollies were popular), do something very crazy. As long as you can eat it, kids like it and it can raise much-needed funds for the school.

Please do get involved – don't just assume others will do it!!

Date	House team
Friday 23 rd February	Yellow
Friday 23 rd March	Green
Friday 20 th April	Red
Friday 18 th May	Blue
Friday 15 th June	Yellow
Friday 13 th July	Green

Donations: Donations can be dropped off at school on the morning or afternoon of cake sale. Please label containers that need to be returned with your child's name and class year.

Setting up: School will set up a table at 2.50pm near the entrance. Serving tools, trays, paper plates, napkins, tablecloths etc. are kept in the staff room in a bag marked cake sale. Please make sure somebody in house team checks a few days before the sale if there are enough supplies e.g., napkins.

Float: a small float will be needed. The office can generally provide this but try to bring your own float.

Be ready to sell food when the school gate opens!! Parents often buy before picking up their children. You decide the price.

At the end, add up the money taken and take it to the school office for banking, make a note of how much you took (minus the float).

Spanish star of the week



Year

WILL START NEXT WEEK

Sports person of the week



Year	SAM – YR 2
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Musician of the week



Year 5	RUYA – YR 2
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A prayer for the week

Thinking about all those that are sick and poorly.

Dear Lord
 May our hearts hold a prayer that carries those that are unwell
 So close to God's loving heart.
 We lay out our hope that they'll know his touch,
 And be healed by the Lord above.

So we trust in thy Father
 To comfort them when they cry,
 And bless the hands of those
 That care for them each day and night.
 Amen



Attendance and Punctuality

**Does your child's class have the best attendance or punctuality?
 How can you help your child's class win these awards?
 LATENESS & NON ATTENDANCE = LOST LEARNING**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% in school	Rank
R	90.79	7th
1	95.40	5th
2	97.62	3rd
3	94.44	6th
4	97.41	4th
5	98.52	2nd
6	99.52	1st

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PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class	Numbers late	Rank
R	5	2nd
1	8	4th
2	6	3rd
3	9	6th
4	9	6th
5	8	5th
6	2	1st

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Let's celebrate!

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

Reception	ALEX
Year 1	OSCAR
Year 2	DIVINE
Year 3	ANISTASIA
Year 4	KYA
Year 5	KIMORA
Year 6	ANTHONY - LI



Community News

PARENT GYM

St Mary's are delighted to announce that Parent Gym will be running a parenting course in school, starting on 26th January.

School has secured 20 free places to parents who are able to commit to and sign up for the six week programme. It will run every Friday from 1:30 – 3:30 in the intervention room in the back playground. A volunteer coach (Grace) will facilitate each session and will be in the playground on the morning of Thursday 18th January and Tuesday 23rd January for you to meet her.

If you are interested then please sign up (places are on a first come, first served basis) at the office. Any further questions please speak to Miss Barker.

parentgym
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

SIGN UP FOR A FREE 6-WEEK PROGRAMME
packed with the secrets of how to be a great parent.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
By using the techniques on this programme your children will:

- Get on better with their siblings and other kids.
- Learn faster and do better at school.
- Smile, laugh and be happier more of the time.
- Listen more and argue less.

ASK AT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS