

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



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

30 April, 2018

Newsletter No: 12

Dear Parents and Carers

After sharing the good news of the repairs to the playground being finished, we have had to again, close off part of the playground until the contractors come and fix some parts we are unhappy with. This is very frustrating; however you will be pleased to know that the children have been very understanding.

Clubs started this week and the children appear to be having great fun. If you would like your child to attend a club, please see Miss Kennedy at the main office.

The outdoor digital clock is what we use to know when to open and close the gate at the beginning and end of the school day. This is linked to our school computer system and servers, as is the digital clock in the office. We will use this time to determine whether children arrive to school on time. Please note that if you arrive at 9am or after and the gate is closed you will be late. School opens at 8.50am to allow your children to arrive and be ready to start learning at 9am. I hope this is helpful in understanding the school system.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Brien

Dates for your diary

Summer 2017

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
2.	Monday 30 th April 18	Year 3 at Science Museum	Year 3
3.	Friday 11 th May 18	Reception farm trip	Nursery
4.	Monday 14 th May 18	KS2 SAT's week	Year 6
5.	Thursday 17 th May 18	Nursery farm trip	Reception
6.	Thursday 24 th May 18	2.50 pm Reception class assembly	Reception / Parents

Zero tolerance

As always we encourage our whole school community to model our school values of love, hope, respect, courage and truth.

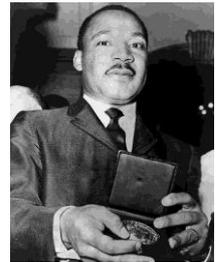
We know that the challenges of life and being a parent can cause anxiety and stress (we know because we have families and challenges too), however we ask you to remember that we are here to help and if you come and *talk* to us, we will listen.

Unfortunately there have been occasions where staff have been shouted at by adults. Be reminded that school leaders including the Governing Board of St Mary's will not tolerate physical and verbal aggression towards staff.

Thank you for your understanding.

**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness:
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate:
only love can do that.”**

Martin Luther King Jr



Do you have a child that will be 3 years old before the
1st September 2018?

Do you know someone that has a child that will be 3 years old before the
1st September 2018?

If the answer is yes, please ensure you get an application form from the admin office and complete it as soon as possible. The schools Nursery admission criteria can be found on the school website or if you have any questions, please see the office staff.

Spanish star of the week



YEAR 5

RIO

Sports person of the week



YR 4

GENE

Musician of the week



YR2

NATHANIEL

Attendance and punctuality

What is your child's attendance like?

Now that the season of illness (colds and bugs) has almost passed it is important that I highlight the guidelines on attendance. The aim is that every child's attendance is 95% or above. Even if you have informed us about your child being ill, this is still counted as time not in school and will impact on your child's attendance figure. Please can you keep this in mind during the summer term.

Attendance below 95% at the end of the academic year equates to your child missing 10 full days at school!

Is your child regularly late (comes to school after the gate is closed)?

It is disappointing to see so many children coming late to school at the moment. Every morning all children start the day with reading, a fundamental skill for life.

If your child is 5 minutes late, just once per week across the school year, they will have missed 3 hours

and 25 minutes of time when they should have been learning to read!

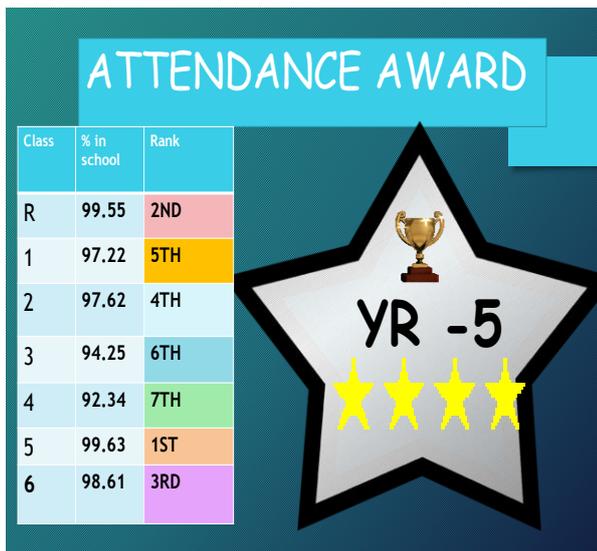
Learning to be punctual is another skill for life and it is good to teach our children that it is important. It would not be acceptable at a place of work or when having an appointment or meeting. It is also uncomfortable and embarrassing for children as they enter a classroom late.

Let's see some more zero's on the punctuality chart below as we move into the summer term, and definitely no double figures!

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



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

Nursery:	FINCH
Reception	CHINNEKA
Year 1	KHAYDEN
Year 2	SAM
Year 3	ZAPHANE
Year 4	GENE
Year 5	ABRAHAM
Year 6	ELIJAH



A prayer for the week

It is with sadness that we are all reading about the gun and knife violence that is happening in the streets that we live in.

Dear Lord,
Please guide us in making positive choices as we learn and grow
Help us to recognise temptations put in our way
Give us the strength to be true to ourselves
Lead us away from darkness. Amen

Breakfast Club

Breakfast will stop being served at 8.30am, please make sure your child arrives before this time if they require breakfast.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter



Reading Road Map Challenge

On Tuesday 26th of April, seven Year 6 children from St. Mary's were invited to the Islington Reading Road Map book ceremony at the Emirates Stadium.

The whole of year 6 are currently taking part in the Reading Road Map Challenge which involves children reading their way through 60 titles of contemporary and classic fiction texts. The 7 pupils that were invited were selected at random and have read an impressivebetween them.

Over 300 children from schools across Hackney and Islington gathered for the book award ceremony. Out of the 60 titles, 6 were shortlisted as nominees for the 'Book of the Year' award.

Four of the nominees were at the ceremony and each author took to the podium to speak about their experiences as writers. There was a Q&A session, where children were invited to ask the authors questions and learn more about the authors and the stories they have written.

The event ended with a book signing and children got to speak with the authors and even get copies of their books signed!

This was an enjoyable and inspiring event for all!

Year 6 is even more motivated to read all 60 titles by the end of June!



PTFA News

Cake sale

Date	House team
Friday 18 th May	Blue
Friday 15 th June	Yellow
Friday 13 th July	Green

School Funding

Did you know that part of our school funding (Pupil Premium Grant) is based on the numbers of children that are eligible AND REGISTERED for Free School Meals (FSM)?

With budgets in school shrinking it is crucial that we get all the funding that we are entitled to, but we need your help!

If you are claiming benefits, you are probably entitled to register for FSM. You may not want your child to have FSM or they may already have it as part of the Governments initiative to give all children in Years 1, 2 and Reception a free school dinner.

Never the less we need you, to register so we can get the funding to put towards the education of the children at St Mary's.

If you think you would qualify for FSM (even if you do not want your child to have a school dinner) please follow the link below.

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/section/pupil-benefits>

Please share this information with other parents in school.



Community News