

**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

Tuesday 1st &  
Wednesday 2nd De-  
cember 2015—Parents  
evening for years

1— 6

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Pantomime for  
Nursery & Re-  
ception 17th De-  
cember 2015

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Pantomime for  
Years 3 & 4

Monday 14th  
December 2015

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Pantomime for  
Years 5 & 6 Mon-  
day 14th Decem-  
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Pantomime for  
Years 1 & 2

17th December  
2015

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11th Decem-  
ber 2015

# ST.MARYS NEWS LETTER

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

This weeks attendance winners are -  
YR3 with 97.91%

Punctuality this week at St. Marys

1st—Reception

Joint 2nd—YR1 & Nursery

Joint 4th—YR6 & YR5

6th—YR3

7th—YR2

8th—YR4

Overall school attendance this week is  
96.2%

## Pantomime

Please note that we will be ordering the pantomime tickets today, if you have not paid the full amount your child will not be able to go to the pantomime.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please see Jay in the office.

# Inside Story Headline

## PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening for Years 1—6 is on Tuesday 1st December & Wednesday 2nd December 2015. Appointment sheets will be in the foyer, week commencing 23rd November 2015.



### SUPPORTING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CHILDREN

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November parents were invited to attend a workshop on 'Understanding Your Child' with Rajinder Sodhi the Educational Psychologist. Over tea and cake parents had the chance to find out more about how children develop and communicate. There is a final session with a focus on anger and emotions on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.30 in the music room. A crèche will be provided and all are welcome to attend.

### CONTACT NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENTS :Please make sure that the office has all your correct telephone numbers and email address's



## Inside Story Headline

### The Magic Toymaker

Year 1 and 2 created their own toy museum in the school to finish their toys topic. It was a great success and we raised £70.00, which will go towards the seaside trip in July 2016. Thank you to all parents that came along to support us.





### Y2 Arrival in School

To promote independence, Year 2 children will go into the school building on their own. They will be supervised by a member of staff, whilst taking off their coats.

A member of staff will be at the play area gate in the playground to greet the children and parents.

### E-Safety

Jeremy Harris from The Hackney Learning Trust came to St. Mary's to talk to parents about keeping children safe online. He shared insightful tips to help parents ensure that children use the internet resourcefully and responsibly. Additionally, he had helpful advice and shared internet resources that can help parents manage risks and protect children online.

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe online. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please visit <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>



### FAMILY LEARNING—SPANISH



Learning alongside your child in Spanish has proven to be very successful. No knowledge of Spanish is needed for these one off sessions. Just before half term, Year 5 parents came in and learnt how to follow a recipe and to make guacamole. They also tasted Spanish tortilla. The final session for this term is with Year 6 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 1.35 – 2.20. A maximum of 5 parents can take part. Please book a place with Ms Kennedy in the office. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sessions will take place in Spring Term 2016. We will also run more sessions for KS2.

We have listened to your feedback and will try to run sessions at the beginning or end of the day. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to learn or do alongside your child or anything that would enable you to participate.



[www.ilusionflamenca.com](http://www.ilusionflamenca.com) if you would like to learn to dance flamenco, Ilusion flamenca run classes for beginners and adults in Covent Garden, London. Check out their website for the latest class information and prices.

#### KEY WEBSITES

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primary/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primary/languages)  
[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)

### Parents entering the school

All visitors and parents to the school must only enter the school building via the main entrance.

Having adults in our school building without our knowledge poses a health and safety risk.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Wet weather

Winter is soon upon us and the showers imminent.

If it is raining Y4, 5 and 6 will be dismissed from the hall.

Year 2 and 3 will be dismissed from the entrance to the playground. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a coat appropriate for the weather.



### YEAR 5 AND THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 5 and the school council are visiting the Houses of Parliament Next week.

An update will be posted in the next newsletter.



### Keeping your children safe

To ensure children's safety they are not allowed to play on or use any play equipment before or after school. Please ensure you supervise your children before school and once your child has been dismissed to you at the end of the school day.



### ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

As part of anti-bullying week the children had a workshop from an organization called 'The Power of One.' This was an interactive workshop where the children got involved in solving dilemmas and some



participated in role play. The focus was to be strong in yourself, tell an adult if you were being bullied and not be a bystander. The children really enjoyed the workshop and all signed a 'Pledge Board' to commit to being a bully free school.

