

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



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

14 September, 2018

Newsletter No: 13

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week.

Did you read the letter this week about safeguarding children missing from education?

Ensuring you telephone every day when your child is absent from school is extremely important so that we do not have to action school procedures which includes visiting your home and if there was no response contacting social care or the police. If you have not seen the letter, it is summarised further on in the newsletter for you.

If you have ever arrived late at school in the morning you will see how busy it is and the challenge for office staff to keep track of who is arriving, recording the reasons why children are late, taking younger children to their classes as well as managing the telephones, visitors and other office duties.

**As of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September parents of children who arrive late for school will have to use the electronic screen at the main office to sign their child in and record a reason. Similarly, if your child is leaving the school building due to illness or an appointment etc. you will have to sign them out using the electronic screen.**

This procedure is part of the school safeguarding procedures so thank you in advance for your cooperation. Be mindful that the machine may be in use if others are signing in at the same time. Please be patient or even better arrive before the gate closes at 9am.

Next week is a busy week with aspirations day and maths workshops for parents. If you want to know more about how we teach maths please come to one of the workshops next Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Jane O'Brien  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary Autumn 2018

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
3	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Aspirations Day	Whole school community
3	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	Maths Workshop KS1 & KS2	KS1 & KS2 parents
4	24th September 2018	Phonics Workshop for parents	Whole school community
3	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Maths workshop for Nursery & Reception 9.00am & 3.00pm	Nursery & Reception parents
4	8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Y6 School journey	Teaching staff
6	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Reception & Nursery Parents Evening	Reception & Nursery parents
7	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	International Day & Evening	Whole school community

### Spanish star of the week



YR 2

SKY

### Sports person of the week



YR 4

CRISHAUN

### Musician of the week





## 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 take half term to get 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	96.73	4TH
1	91.84	6TH
2	94.84	5TH
3	90.22	7TH
4	98.30	2ND
5	98.35	1ST
6	97.32	3RD

PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class	Numbers late	Rank
R	2	3RD
1	10	7TH
2	1	1ST
3	3	4TH
4	1	1ST
5	5	6TH
6	3	4TH

## 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.

Nursery:	N/A
Reception	JESSIE
Year 1	LUCAS
Year 2	HARRY
Year 3	ROSIE
Year 4	ALEX
Year 5	ETHAN
Year 6	BETHEL



## A prayer for the week

This week has seen International Literacy day and Roald Dhal (the author) day. We all know how important reading is to develop vocabulary, ignite imagination, gain an understanding of how the written language is constructed and as a tool for enjoyment and learning about things beyond our experiences. Are you ensuring your child reads at home every day?

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the books that we have.

Give us persistence as we learn how to read;

Enjoyment as we immerse ourselves in things we have yet discovered;

New words that will help us communicate;

Understanding of new things;

Special time to share books with others.

Help us to see how books open up a whole new world and skills that are the foundation for all of our learning.

Amen

## LUNCH MONEY/BREAKFAST CLUB FEES

Lunch money and breakfast club fees must be paid in advance of your child having a lunch/attending breakfast club.

Please check your online account and clear any arrears and pay in advance for the coming week.

We will not be able to provide breakfast care or meals if the arrears are not paid. Please see the school website for the school policy.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you



## SAFEGUARDING AT ST.MARY'S

At St Mary's our priority is to maintain the safety of your children at all times. We ask that you routinely do the following:

1. Always phone in by 9am if your child will be absent from school that day
2. Make sure we have three up-to-date phone numbers logged on our system so that we can contact a family member in the event of an absence or an emergency.

Following some high profile cases nationally, where schools have not followed up on absences and children have then come to harm, we as a school have had to implement new procedures. This is part of our safeguarding policy, in line with the statutory Government Guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018' and the Hackney Learning Trust expectations. We are aware that these procedures may seem extreme, but we are following a national approach to maintain children's safety and have to have these robust systems in place. The following measures will now be taken in order to adhere to these systems.

1. If your child is absent from school, we do not hear from you and we cannot contact you or any named contact by phone, we may ask Children's Social Care for advice.
2. If we still do not hear from you by the following day and we still cannot contact you by phone, **we will** speak to Children's Social Care for advice and **we will** carry out a home visit.
3. If on day 3 we have still not managed to speak or see you then **we will** contact Children's Social Care whose advice in these situations is to contact the police who will then take further action.

As a school we do not wish to alarm parents or over react to situations, but we are required to have a clear plan of action should a child be seen as missing from education. We hope you understand and that you will avoid escalation of these procedures by staying in touch with school if your child is absent and maintaining up-to-date contact details.

Thank you for your understanding,

# ASPARATIONS DAY

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

You will be aware that our school motto is 'striving to be the best we can be'. So we are asking the children to think about their future and what they would like to be when they grow up. It is great for the children to have something to aim for, even at a youngest age.

**What job would  
you like to do  
when you are an  
adult?**

**I want to be an  
artist.**

We ask that your child comes to school dressed up, to show us what job they are aspiring for. Please talk to your child about the sorts of job that people do to help them with their choice.



# SECONDARY TRANSFER 2019

## OPEN EVENTS at Hackney Secondary Schools

These open mornings and evenings at Hackney secondary schools are intended for students who will transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2019.

### CARDINAL POLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

205 Morning Lane, London E9 6LG 020 8985 5150

[www.cardinalpole.co.uk](http://www.cardinalpole.co.uk)

Tuesday 25 September, 5–8pm (Executive Head teacher speaks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm)

Thursday 27 September through to Friday 5 October from 9–10.15am

### CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY, SHOREDITCH PARK

Audrey Street, London E2 8QH 020 7332 1432

[www.shoreditch.cola.org.uk](http://www.shoreditch.cola.org.uk)

Wednesday 3 October, 4.30–7.30pm (last entry 7pm)

Thursday 11 October, 9am and 11am Friday 12 October, 9am and 11am (open mornings by appointment only)

### CLAPTON GIRLS' ACADEMY

Laura Place, Lower Clapton Road, London E5 0RB

020 8985 6641

[www.clapton.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.clapton.hackney.sch.uk)

Saturday 15 September, 10–12.30pm Thursday 20 September, 9.15–10.30am Tuesday 25 September,

9.15–10.30am Wednesday 3 October, 9.15–10.30am Thursday 11 October, 5–7.30 pm

### HACKNEY NEW SCHOOL

317–319 Kingsland Road, London E8 4DL 020 7617 7181

[www.hackneynewschool.org](http://www.hackneynewschool.org)

Tuesday 18 September, 6–9pm Friday 21 September, 9–11am Friday 28 September, 9–11am Friday 5 October, 9–11am

(Open mornings by appointment only in 30 minutes blocks)

Music Scholarship auditions take place on Saturday 13 October please book your child's place via the school website.

### HAGGERSTON SCHOOL

Weymouth Terrace, London E2 8LS 020 7739 7324

[www.haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.haggerston.hackney.sch.uk)

Wednesday 12 September, 9.15-10.30am Wednesday 19 September, 9.15-10.30am Wednesday 26

September, 9.15-10.30am Monday 1 October, 5–7.30pm Wednesday 3 October, 9.15-10.30am

### LUBAVITCH SENIOR GIRLS SCHOOL

107–115 Stamford Hill, London N16 5RP 020 8800 0022 ext 128

[www.lubavitchseniorgirls.com](http://www.lubavitchseniorgirls.com)

Tuesday 9 October

(Contact the school for further information)

### **MOSSBOURNE COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

100 Downs Park Road, London E5 8JY 020 8525 5200

[www.mca.mossbourne.org](http://www.mca.mossbourne.org)

Thursday 27 September, 4.30–7.30pm (Last entry at 7.15pm. Last Principal's speech at 7.30pm.

Evening ends at 7.45pm)

### **MOSSBOURNE VICTORIA PARK**

Victoria Park Road, London E9 7HD 020 8510 4550

[www.mvpa.mossbourne.org](http://www.mvpa.mossbourne.org)

Thursday 27 September, 4.30–7.30pm (Last entry at 7.30pm. Evening ends at 8pm)

### **OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL**

6–16 Amhurst Park, London N16 5AF 020 8800 2158

[www.ourladys.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.ourladys.hackney.sch.uk)

Tuesday 5 June through to Friday 22 June from 9.30–10.30am

Saturday 16 June, 10am-12noon

Monday 17 September through to Friday 28 September from 9.30–10.30am

Thursday 20 September, 4–8pm (Last entry: 7.30pm. Head teacher's speech at 5pm and 6.30pm)

Saturday 29 September, 10am-12noon

### **SKINNERS' ACADEMY**

Woodberry Grove, London N4 1SY 020 8800 7411

[www.skinnersacademy.org.uk](http://www.skinnersacademy.org.uk)

Wednesday 19 September, 4.30–6.30pm (Principal's presentation at 4.45pm and 5.45pm)

Wednesday 10 October, 5–7pm (Principal's presentation at 5.15pm and 6.15pm)

Thursday 11 October, 9–10am (Principal's presentation at 9.35am)

### **STOKE NEWINGTON SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM**

Clissold Road, London N16 9EX 020 7241 9600

[www.sns.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.sns.hackney.sch.uk)

Monday 17 September, 5–7.30pm

Monday 24 through to Thursday 27 September, 9.45–10.45am

Monday 8 October, 5–7.30pm Monday 15 October, 9.45–10.45am

(Open mornings by appointment only, telephone Linda Perkola to book)

### **THE BRIDGE ACADEMY**

Laburnum Street, London E2 8BA 020 7749 5240

[www.bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.bridgeacademy.hackney.sch.uk)

Thursday 13 September, 4.30–7.30pm. (Last admission 7pm)

Thursday 27 September and Thursday 4 October, 9–10am (Last admission at 9.15am)

### **THE CITY ACADEMY, HACKNEY**

Homerton Row, London E9 6EA 020 8525 5440

[www.thecityacademy.org](http://www.thecityacademy.org)

Tuesday 2 October, 5–8pm

(Last entry: 7.30pm. Evening ends at 8 pm)

Thursday 11 October, 9.45–11am and 10.20– 11.30am  
Friday 12 October, 9.45–11am and 10.20– 11.30am  
(Open mornings by appointment only, book via school website)

### **THE PETCHEY ACADEMY**

Shacklewell Lane, London E8 2EY 020 7275 1500  
www.petcheyacademy.org.uk  
Monday 24 September, 5.30–8pm (last entry at 7.30 pm)  
Open Mornings every Thursday 8.30am in September (by appointment only, book by emailing mail@petcheyacademy.org.uk)

### **THE URSWICK SCHOOL**

Paragon Road, London E9 6NR 020 8985 2430  
www.theurswickschool.co.uk  
Thursday 4 October, 5.30–7.30pm (Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm and 7pm)  
Tours commence at 9am and 10am every Tuesday and Thursday between 13 September and 18 October.  
Contact the school for further information.

### **YESODEY HATORAH SENIOR GIRLS SCHOOL**

Egerton Road, London, N16 6UB 020 8826 5500  
www.yesodeyhatorah.org  
Open mornings are held in September and October by appointment only.

## **PTFA News**

Please look out for the following over the next half term:

- An opportunity to purchase a St Mary's Sports Star T shirts in your child's house team colour
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- Personalised Christmas card ordering

If you would like to support the Parent, Teacher, Friends Association at St Mary's please see Mrs McKelvey for more details.

## **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