



St Mary's CE Primary School, N8



June 2017
HEADLINES

I hope everyone enjoyed a splendid half term break. As we enter the last half term of the year we reflect on what we have achieved and enjoyed, what our successes have been and what we could have done better or differently. This year has been a really positive one in terms of seeing the children grow and achieve. Our curriculum is rich and staff really seek to enhance the children's learning experiences with trips, workshops and practical sessions that bring topics and learning to life. These are the things that make such a big difference. They will be things that we, as a school, will always fight to keep.

There has been a great deal of noise in the media recently and in political debate about education, funding cuts, testing and the seeming discontent in the education profession. Whilst things are difficult and it is becoming increasingly challenging to do more with less, I hope that we at St Mary's manage to protect our children from this and continue to provide a safe, happy haven to learn - a place where children will be challenged and inspired. It is testament to all the staff that they remain committed and invested in our school and children.

There have been some very sad events just before and during half term. It is so difficult to try and explain and rationalise these to our children. We are dealing with any questions as they arise. I have chosen not to talk about these events in school assemblies or with the children in large groups as they do not lend themselves to being spaces where children can raise questions or ask for clarification. They can often leave children feeling afraid and vulnerable. Instead I have asked staff to talk to children in classes where they are better placed to deal with questions and children can feel more confident to ask questions and talk about their feelings. I encourage parents and carers to talk to children at home and let us know if there is anything specific you feel we need to tackle in school.

With regard to school and class trips. We will carry out our risk assessments as usual and seek additional advice from the Local Authority and follow advice from the DfE on travel for schools. We will be communicating with parents and carers as appropriate.

We have a very busy half term coming up. It is the Crouch End Festival (9th-11th June) and Education Sunday at our Parish Church on the 11th June. Each of these events celebrate our school and all of our children's achievements. Key rites of passage are celebrated at this time of year too; Year 6's move to secondary school, and Year 1 preparing to move to Rectory Gardens. We have lots of fun events planned too: our annual whole school trip to Knebworth House, Sports Day, the Summer Fair, the End of Year BBQ, and our whole school Open Evening where you can come and see some of the children's amazing work and meet the teachers for next year. Keep an eye on dates and the website for up to date news.

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Open Evening

Thursday 22nd June – 6pm-8pm

Please join us to have a look around our fantastic School. Both sites will be open for you to wander around, sample school meals, see the children's fantastic work and meet the St Mary's Staff team.

St Mary's children will also be able to meet their new teachers for September.

It's also a great chance to meet and chat with other parents, find out what the PSA (Parent School Association) are up to and feel more involved with school life.

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As always, if there are any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment or catch myself or a member of our Leadership Team. We are always happy to find time to meet with you.

Best wishes
Fran Hargrove
Headteacher

Diary Dates

JUNE

Monday 5th - RE week

Saturday 10th - Crouch End Festival
Art Exhibition and Choir

Sunday 11th - Education Sunday @ Hornsey Parish Church
School Choir to attend

Tuesday 13th - Y5 Parents meeting Re: Y6 @ RG

Wednesday 14th - Sunshine Class to London Zoo

Thursday 15th - Buttercup Class to London Zoo

Thursday 15th - Annual Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Paul's
Church, Wood Green – school only

Thursday 15th - Crouch End Festival Evening Concert

Friday 16th - Marigold Class to London Zoo

Friday 16th - Y4 Ruby Class to Imperial War Museum

Friday 16th - Y5 to V & A Museum

Tuesday 20th - Bafta Day for Y5 & Y6 at Alexandra Palace

Thursday 22nd - Whole School Open Evening 6-8pm

Friday 23rd - Sports Day TBC

Monday 26th - Cycle Training Week Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 28th – Y2-Y5 French Café

Thursday 29th - Reception Parents Welcome Evening 6pm

Dinner Money and School Fees

Dinner Money for this half term is £85.00.
You can now pay online for school meals,
Nursery, BC & ASC at www.scopay.com.

Signing In

Please note that children need to be signed in
via the school office once the playground
gates have closed. This does not necessarily
mean they are late; it lets us know they are in
the building for Health & Safety reasons.

JULY

Saturday 1st - Hornsey Musical Festival morning – choir

Saturday 1st - Summer Fair – 12pm-3pm @CL

Tuesday 4th - Y4 Crimson Class to Imperial War Museum

Thursday 6th - Y4 Scarlet Class Violin Assembly -
parents/carers welcome

Friday 7th - Whole School Trip - Knebworth House

Friday 7th - Y6 Leavers Disco TBC

Friday 14th - Last Day of term for Nursery only

Friday 14th - Summer BBQ TBC

Monday 17th - Nursery Party

Tuesday 18th - Y6 Production TBC

Wednesday 19th - Church Tower Service - whole school

Thursday 20th - Last day of term half day
RG 1.15pm & CL 1.30pm

Thursday 20th - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st - TAD

Attendance and Punctuality



Class with the best attendance since the
beginning of term is:

Jade Class with 98%

Class with the best punctuality is:

Ruby Class

Whole School Trip – Knebworth

We are all looking forward to our whole
school trip to Knebworth on Friday 7th July.
If you haven't already done so, please pay for
the cost of the trip, which is £16.50 per child.



You can pay online or in the school office.