



St Mary's CE Primary School, N8

HEADLINES

This term has flown by and the children seem to have grown so much. The school is always busy with so many interesting activities going on. We have had lots of visitors and trips out and about. These events enhance the curriculum and the children really benefit. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and carers who give their time to come along and help. Our trips could not happen without you.

PSA

A huge thank you needs to go to the PSA. Not only for the fantastic events and fundraising they organise which go a long way to enhancing the life of the school and experiences for the children, but to the real community feel that their events help to develop. We value their efforts so much at St Mary's.

The teachers were very excited about the opportunity to bid for PSA funds for different projects. There were some really exciting bids. They were very passionate about their projects. Each and every one of them was focussed on ways to improve and support children's learning and school experiences.

Successful bids:

Ms Oberheim – Small World equipment and construction to support topics for Y1 classrooms: £1,500
Mrs Jenkins - Books for six classrooms: £1,200
Mrs Baker - Contribution to Paris trip: £1,000
Mrs Molloy - Topic boxes: £990
Mrs Buckridan - Science Workshops: £900
Mrs Zavrou - Sensory equipment: £400
Mr Beardwell - Hackney scrap project: £170

Thank you to Sara Thompson and Laura Franklin who organised the bids and were the 'Dragons'.

Maths and Coding

We had great attendance at our recent Inspire Maths Workshop and Coding events. It was lovely to share what we are doing with the children and ways in which we are teaching. We will be running more workshops in the New Year and there will be opportunities for parents and carers to join in lessons with the children.

Attendance at parent/carer consultations was better than ever. If you haven't had a chance to meet your child's teacher, please try and make an appointment before the end of term.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the results of the [Parent Survey](#) on the website. Your views are really important to us and the feedback is used to plan our next steps and respond to ideas from parents and carers. If you have not already done so this year, please take the time to fill in [PARENT VIEW](#) which is how Ofsted seek the views of parents and carers on a range to themes.

A few reminders;

Attendance

We are closely monitoring your children's attendance and punctuality. Please remember to be on time to school every day. We are using an electronic register now so if your child arrives after the bell, they need to be signed in at reception. This does not necessarily mean a late mark but ensures that we can reconcile the two systems.

PE Kit

It is really important for all children to have a PE kit in school every day. They should now have a 'winter' kit of grey/black bottoms or leggings, and a dark sweatshirt or one in their House colour.

Diary Dates

Ensure you have read the diary dates with all the Christmas performance times and dates. The children have been rehearsing and are sounding really wonderful.

Contact Details

We regularly send out important information via text and emails. If you do not receive them, please go to the school office and give them your email address and phone numbers.

Keeping Warm

We are now firmly in winter. Please ensure children have NAMED warm coats, scarves, gloves and hats. It is very cold outside at play and lunch time. However, please don't over dress your children as inside the building is warm and toasty and children in too many layers and thermals under their uniform can get uncomfortably hot. Staff will ensure that children are dressed appropriately when they go outside.

As always, keep an eye on our website to find out what we are all up to and what exciting things are on the horizon. See our additional newsletter called #busydoinggoodthings to see what the children are getting up to! You can also follow us on twitter @stmarysn8 and on Facebook.

Fran Hargrove
Headteacher

Term Dates

DECEMBER

Thursday 7th - Y2 Fire Brigade talk

Friday 8th - Book Fair after school in RG dining hall

Monday 11th - Y5 Fire Brigade workshop

Monday 11th - Book Fair after school in RG dining hall

Tuesday 12th - Lower Phase Nativity – 9.30am

Parents/Carers welcome for Y1 only

Nursery Parents/Carers can attend either performance

Tuesday 12th - Book Fair after school in RG dining hall

Wednesday 13th - Lower Phase Nativity – 9.30am

Parents/Carers Welcome for Reception only

Nursery Parents/Carers can attend either performance

Wednesday 13th - Book Fair after school in RG dining hall

Thursday 14th - Middle Phase Performance - 9.15am

Parents/Carers welcome for Y2, Y3 & Y4 only

Thursday 14th - School Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th - Christmas Jumper Day

please bring in £1 donation for Save the Children UK

Friday 15th - Middle Phase Performance – 9.15am

Parents/Carers welcome for Y2, Y3 & Y4 only

Friday 15th - RG Class Parties – 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th - CL Class Parties – 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th - Y5/6 Carol Concert – 2pm

Parents/Carers Welcome for Y5 & Y6 only

Thursday 21st - Christmas Service at Church (children only)

Thursday 21st - Break Up for Christmas - Half Day

RG 1.15pm and CL 1.30pm

JANUARY 2018

Friday 5th - TAD school closed

Monday 8th - Children return to school

Attendance and Punctuality



Class with the best attendance since the beginning of term is: **Jade Class with 97%**

Class with the best punctuality is: **Indigo Class**

Phase Christmas Concerts

Please see dates on this newsletter for our phase Christmas Concerts to be held across both sites.

Parents/Carers are welcome but please check which year group you are invited to.



Foodbank

We are developing our links with the Holy Trinity Foodbank, Stroud Green. They support local people who are finding it difficult to feed themselves and their families. We plan to have Foodbank deposit boxes at both sites on a permanent basis, throughout the year.

If you can, please try to make donations throughout the year. The Foodbank welcomes donations of items such as:

- Tinned foods: savoury and sweet
- Coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits
- Pasta, rice and breakfast cereals
- Cooking oil and cooking sauces
- Chocolate, jam, honey, spreads, nuts, dried fruit
- Toiletries

When I Grow Up Day – February 1st 2018

Are you a builder, social worker, lawyer, nurse, IT developer or lion tamer? Do you own your own business, do you volunteer, what special skill do you have?

Whatever you do, we want to hear from you! After last year's successful careers day at school, we are again holding our 'When I Grow Up Day'. Can you, or someone you know, help us? We need people to come in to school to talk to the children about their profession/vocation.

Please click [here](#) to let us know how you can help. The children are keen to find out what possibilities are out there in the world for them.