

As we love, we flourish
As we flourish, we aspire
As we aspire, we achieve
Together, we are a family



Newsletter
6th September 2019

St Mary's CE Primary School, N8

Jesus said: Love one another as I have loved you - John 15:12

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at St Mary's. I hope that you and your children had a very restful and enjoyable summer break and that you are ready for the fun and challenges that a new school year will bring.

New members of staff

I am sure you will join me in welcoming the following new staff to the St Mary's family:

- Steve Baptiste – Deputy Headteacher (Rectory Gardens)
- Coren Peacock – Music teacher (Monday – Wednesday)
- Libby Greenwood – Y2 Buttercup Class teacher
- Kay Rossiter – Y4 Crimson Class teacher
- Sam Gould – Y4 Ruby Class teacher
- Adam Cummings – Y5 Topaz Class teacher
- Ryan Kennedy – student teacher – Y1 Saffron Class
- Zara Nashnush – student teacher – Y1 Tangerine Class
- James Barker – student teacher – Y4 Ruby Class
- CJ Nwosu – Special Needs Assistant – Y5
- Hayley White – Special Needs Assistant – Y6



New children and families

Welcome also to the new children and parents and carers to the St Mary's family. Thank you for choosing our school. We hope that you and your children quickly feel part of the school community.

New processes

Y2 at Church Lane: Our Year 2 children have settled in to their new classrooms extremely well at Church Lane. Having Year 2 based at Church Lane again makes for an even more vibrant, busy and fun school environment. Thank you also for your positive feedback about this arrangement.

New lunchtime provider: You may have heard that we now have a new lunchtime provider, 'Olive', who have impressed your children already with the quality of school lunches. We are working closely with Olive to provide a lunchtime experience that is far superior to that which was provided last year. Lunchtimes have now become a much more sociable time for your children. Please liaise with the school office if you are considering changing from packed lunch to the new school lunches.

Open Door Policy: Our new Open Door Policy is working very well. At the beginning of the school day, you are now welcome to come in to school for approximately 10 minutes and spend time in the classroom with your child as they start their early morning work. This time is also an opportunity for you to have a brief chat with your child's class teacher should you need to.

End of day pick up zones at RG: All classes at Rectory Gardens have a zone in the playground where they wait with their teacher for collection at the end of the day. Please could parents and carers NOT take their children until they are in their designated zone with their teacher. We want to ensure the safety of the children at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

The Felix Project - We are excited to announce that the school is taking part in The Felix Project which provides free surplus food from suppliers and distributes it through schools to parents and carers. From next Tuesday, the school gate at Rectory Gardens will open at 3pm to allow parents and carers to collect free goods that have been donated by The Felix Project. Items will vary on a weekly basis and the school has no control over what is donated to us. On a weekly basis, it will be decided how many items each family can have. We are sure that you will bear with us while we get to grips with the distribution of the goods and be respectful of how the school needs to share the items across our families. Parents and carers from Church Lane are welcome to come to Rectory Gardens too at 3pm.

Church Service – Sunday 22nd Sept, 10.30am - Hornsey Parish Church will be holding a special 'Back to School' service on Sunday 22nd September. This year and being mindful of how many of us now cycle or scoot to school, we are all encouraged to go to church with our scooters and bicycles. During the service, we will reflect with the church and Mr Henry on our school life and at the end, Mthr Anna will bless our scooters and bicycles as we ride. We look forward to seeing you at the service at Hornsey Parish Church on Cranley Gardens, at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd September.

ESOL – our regular ESOL English conversation classes for parents and carers will be starting again on Thursday 19th September. These free weekly sessions will take place at 9am at Rectory Gardens. They are for parents and carers who do not have English as their first language, and who want to improve their English conversation. No need to book and everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office. Jane Travers looks forward to seeing you at the weekly sessions!

Fees - Please ensure that all fees (nursery fees, school dinners, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments) are paid promptly and in advance. As mentioned in the last newsletter of last term, **NO** services, as outlined above, will be available to access unless paid for in advance. The school will not accept debts being built up for services provided by the school and that families have chosen to use. I am sure that you all understand that the school cannot allow this to occur, and suitable action will be taken against those who do not pay on time.

Parking - Please can parents and carers who park and wait in Rectory Gardens to pick up their children, turn off car engines and turn down the volume on car radios. The school is in a residential area and we value the relationships with our neighbours, as well as being concerned for the environment. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Communication and Information

Communication between school and families is key to a successful working relationship and we work very hard to ensure we communicate effectively with you. Much of this is done by email and text, so please ensure the school has your correct contact details for each child. Thank you.

You can access information about the school and activities through:

- The school [website](http://www.stmarysn8.co.uk) (www.stmarysn8.co.uk) which has all the relevant information you need and contact details
- The bi-weekly online newsletter – which keeps you up-to-date with recent and upcoming news
- Facebook
- Twitter

Please do also make time to come to your child's **Meet the Teacher morning session at 9am** where you can find out about key subject areas and routines/procedures that your child will be following this year. (See below for times and dates). You will also receive a Newsletter and Topic Map relating to your child's year group in the coming weeks. If you are unable to make this session, and you would like to meet your child's class teacher, please liaise with the school office, where a mutually convenient appointment can be made.

Thursday 26th September, 9.00am – Welcome Coffee Morning for Reception Parents/Carers with Mr Henry. Reception parents/carers are warmly invited to join Mr Henry and some Church Lane staff for coffee and biscuits in the Rainbow Room at Church Lane.

Calvin Henry
Headteacher



September

- Fri 13th PSA Committee meeting 9am RG
- Mon 16th Meet the Teacher session 9am RG
- Tuesday 17th Meet the Teacher session 9am CL
- Thur 26th Headteacher coffee morning for new Reception families
- Thur 26th Secondary transition meeting for Y6 parents and carers
- Fri 27th PSA Class Rep meeting 9am – location tbc

October

- Wed 2nd Pendarren trip meeting for Y6 parents & carers. 6pm RG
- Fri 4th Church Lane Disco 6pm
- Fri 11th Rectory Gardens Disco 6pm
- Wed 16th Individual School Photos

Staff list for 2019-2020

Tiny Gems 2YO	Anne Critchfield
Little Jewels 3YO	Jane Hamilton
R-Ducklings	Donna Campbell 0.8 & Sam Fennell 0.2
R-Goslings	Duncan Beardwell
Y1-Saffron	Julie Gilmore
Y1-Tangerine	Morag Abernethy
Y2-Buttercup	Libby Greenwood
Y2-Marigold	Charlotte Paige-Smith
Y3-Emerald	Andrew Webster
Y3-Jade	Alyia Buckridan
Y3-Lime	Katie Harris
Y4-Crimson	Kay Rossiter (covering Gemma Simmons maternity leave)
Y4-Ruby	Sam Gould
Y4-Scarlet	Stuart Jenkins
Y5- Topaz	Adam Cummins
Y5- Turquoise	Amanda Kahumbu
Y5 - Sapphire	Brana Vidic
Y6- Violet	Harriet Frohock
Y6- Indigo	Ronel Molloy