

# St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week back at school has seen existing children settle well into their new routines in their new classes. We also welcome to St Mary's all of our new children and parents and sincerely hope that you will be very happy at our school.

If you attended the Zoom 'Meet the Teacher' meeting this week, I hope that you found it useful and informative. If you have any queries or additional questions for your child's class teacher, please do speak to them in the playground or contact them via the school office.

Early next week, you will receive your child's year group Topic Maps and Newsletters. These will outline the curriculum focus areas that your children will be learning this term. They will also be loaded onto the school website.

## **Voluntary Contribution letter**

You will find a letter attached to this email from myself and the Chair of Governors, Stuart Goldberg. Please do take the time read it and please consider helping our voluntary aided school financially on a regular basis. If you would like to speak with me about any aspects of the Voluntary Contribution letter, please get in touch via the school office.

## **Year 6 Transition meeting**

If your child is in Year 6, you will shortly need to apply to a secondary school. Please note the following:

- **The deadline for applying to secondary schools is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**
- Parents and carers are invited to a Year 6 transition meeting at school on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm.** Here you will meet representatives from a variety of Haringey secondary schools, as well as learn more about the process of applying using Haringey's online admissions system. Please make a note of this date in your diary.
- We will write separately to Year 6 parents and carers next week with more information about this meeting and dates of open days at local secondary schools for when visits can take place. In the meantime we would suggest that you familiarise yourselves with the application process by looking at the Haringey website (click [here](#)) and the individual websites of the schools you are interested in.

## **Reception baseline assessment**

Parents and carers with children in Reception should be aware that baseline assessment will take place within the first 6 weeks of starting reception. This is a government requirement and you can find out more information in the document produced by the Standards & Testing Agency – click here - [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101111/information-for-parents-reception-baseline-assessment)

## **Jeans for Genes day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

We will once again be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day. This event supports children with genetic disorders. Your child(ren) can come to school wearing jeans or anything denim on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please bring a £1 donation to be given to your child's class teacher.

## **Bag Blessing**

The Church team are holding a 'Bag Blessing' at the Church Tower on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. All parents, carers and children are invited to this special event and do remember to bring your school bag for your blessing! Please note that this service will be an outdoor service at the Church Tower.

## **Haringey Junior Vox**

The Haringey Music Services is restarting the Haringey Junior Vox, a vocal group for singers aged 8-11 (Years 4, 5 and 6). The group is restarting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Chestnuts Community Centre, St Ann's Rd, N15 5BN. Any keen young singers can come along – it is free and there are no auditions! All welcome.

### Clothes bank information

We have been made aware of a local community initiative. T ON the Green Café in Bruce Castle Park has set up a school uniform clothes bank, where unwanted school uniform can be donated or provided for families in need. We too would welcome unwanted St Mary's school uniform into the school office and we will donate it to families in need within our school community.

### YMCA Fun Run – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept in Priory Park, N8

A reminder about the upcoming YMCA Fun Run. You can book a place in the race for both children and adults – click [here](#) to apply for a place.

### NHS leaflet for parents and carers

You may be interested in the details of this NHS leaflet regarding health advice for families.

[NHS Health-advice-for-parents-and-carers summer-and-autumn-2021.pdf \(northcentrallondonccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-advice-for-parents-and-carers/summer-and-autumn-2021.pdf)

### School Streets Initiative

All parents and carers should be aware of this recently implemented, and soon to be widened Haringey scheme. The local authority has sent the information below to our school and has asked that we pass it on to staff and families.

*School Streets are important schemes to help us combat the air pollution and road safety issues in Haringey. But they could affect your staff and parents/carers journeys to your school if they drive through the borough. There are 4 more starting this term, bringing the total to 16 in Haringey, there could be another 9 coming in with the [low traffic neighbourhoods](#). Please widely distribute this reminder to all staff and families.*

- Each school street has advanced warning signs and cameras plus promotional wraps at the junctions.
- There is a £130 fine when a vehicle without an exemption goes through the zone.
- Exemptions are specific for residents, some staff and parents/carers with blue badges needing to access the area (not just blue badge holders)



The poster features a colorful illustration of a school street scene with children on a scooter and bicycle, a school building, and a sign that says 'We are a school street'. Below the illustration is a sign that says 'Monday to Friday term time only' with icons for a bicycle and a car. The Haringey Council logo is at the bottom left.

## School Streets 2021

Walking and cycling to school is getting easier!  
Zones operate on roads for 16 schools from September 2021.

School Name	School Streets operating : am and pm
Campsbourne Primary	Nightingale Rd & South View Road
Chestnuts Primary	Etherly Road
Coldfall Primary	Coldfall Road
Coleridge Primary	Haslemere Road & Waverley Road
Earlham Primary	Earlham Grove
Earlsmead Primary	Walton Road
Harris Academy Coleraine Park	Glendish Road/Halefield
Highgate Primary	Kenwood Ave, Yeatman Rd/Toyne Way/Gaskill Rd/Storey Rd
Holy Trinity Primary	Somerset Road
Lordship Lane Primary	Ellenborough Rd
Rokesly Juniors /Infants & Nursery	Hermiston Rd/Elmfield Road
St Paul's RC Primary	Barrett Avenue
The Highgate Primary	Bishopswood Road
The Mulberry Primary	Parkhurst Rd/Sherringham Ave/Seymour Ave.
Tiverton Primary	Pulford Road
Welbourne Primary	High Cross Road

[School Street locations | Haringey Council](#) use this link to find out more!  
Plan your new route to school now.

Also, please remember that the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is extending to the A406 on 25 October 2021, to also incorporate parts of Haringey. Transport for London have an online checker to see if vehicles are [ULEZ compliant](#). Please contact Haringey Council if you have any questions about this.

Do have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With very best regards,

*Calvin Henry.*

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Headteacher

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