

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back once again to the start of a new school year. Even with so much to once again get used to, your children have already settled brilliantly into the structure and routines of a new school year. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through yet more changes which govern how we need to operate. However, where this is scope to flexibly interpret the government Step 4 Covid requirements and where it best meets the school's needs, we will do so. For example, and following a one-day trial of reverting to only one entrance at Rectory Gardens at the end of the school day yesterday, I have decided that this does not work well/safely enough, so we will once again re-implement the one-way system to ease congestion at the end of the school day. The bi-weekly newsletters will start next week, but in the meantime, here are some items that we would like to draw your attention to:

Term dates – Reminder that term dates at the end of this academic year have changed very slightly due to the government announcing an additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The additional day (June 3rd 2022) falls in May half term, so the Department for Education is allowing schools to close for an additional day in the summer term instead. Most Haringey schools, including St Mary's, have chosen to be closed on 22nd July 2022. The children's last day in the summer term will therefore be Wednesday 20th July 2022 (staff training is on Thursday 21st July 2022). Click [here](#) for a copy of the update dates. You can also collect a copy from the school office.

Personal Information - Please let the school office know of any details that may have changed over the summer. These could be telephone numbers, address, email address, medical conditions or anything else that you think we should know.

Sports clubs - Sports clubs will start during week commencing 13th September. A separate letter will be emailed to all parents next week showing which clubs are available and how and when to sign up to each club.

Meet the Teacher Zoom sessions – Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th September

Teachers from each year group will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Thursday 9th September. These sessions will be held over Zoom at the following times and links will be sent out to parents and carers via the school office next week. Reception and Nursery sessions will be in w/c 27th September – more details to follow.

Wednesday 8th September		Thursday 9th September	
Year 1	5.15pm – 5.45pm	Year 4	5.15pm – 5.45pm
Year 2	5.45pm – 6.15pm	Year 5	5.45pm – 6.15pm
Year 3	6.15pm – 6.45pm	Year 6	6.15pm – 6.45pm

Payments - We have a new payment system called SchoolMoney. You will have received information about how to access this from the office already, but please do contact them if you have any problems. Please do not make any payments via Scopay as this system is no longer in use.

Learning to live with Covid - Haringey has put together a useful booklet ([click here](#)) regarding how to live with Covid. They have also translated it into a range of languages. This is also on our website.

YMCA Fun Run – Sunday 19th Sept in Priory Park, N8 – why not take part in the upcoming YMCA Fun Run?! Book [here](#) for your child and/or adult Fun Run race entry at YMCA North London's 30th Fun Run & Festival.

We look forward to an exciting and hugely enjoyable term and year ahead.

With very best regards,

Calvin Henry.

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Headteacher