



St. Mary's News 8th October 2021



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents' Evening - Final Reminder

The majority of appointments have now been made for Parents' Evening. If you have yet to make an appointment and would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the office by the end of the school day on Monday.

NO FURTHER APPOINTMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER MONDAY.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PARENTS' EVENING IS A GENERAL WELL-BEING MEETING. DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTRE AROUND HOW YOUR CHILD HAS SETTLED DOWN, THEIR BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AND ANY CONCERNS THAT HAVE ARISEN OVER THE LAST MONTH. A MORE DETAILED, ACADEMIC PROGRESS PARENTS' EVENING WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY.

- If you are attending face to face appointments, please do not arrive more than 5 mins before your allocated time in order to ensure that the number of people within a hall, at any one given time, is kept to a minimum.
- Please stick to the allocated time slot. Staff will end the appointment after 8 minutes to enable them to move between phone and face to face appointments. Please support them in this by keeping to the time frames given.
- Children must not attend the appointment with you.
- Rec, Y1 and Y2 appointments will take place in the Infant Hall. Entry is via the side door to the left of the Infant Hall.
- Y3—Y6 appointments will take place in the Junior Hall. Entry is via the ABC door.
- Parents can move between halls via the pathway at the front of school.
- ABC will be in the Y5 classroom on Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th October. ABC children can be collected via the main entrance. Knock on the Y5 window to alert staff that you are there to collect your child.

If you are attending face to face appointments, can we please ask that you take a lateral flow test on the day of the appointment in order to ensure that everyone can be kept as safe as possible. Hand sanitiser will also be available in both hall for you to apply as you enter. Thank you.

Increased Charges



As a result of the pandemic our ABC Club has been running at a loss, due to the decline in numbers, as more of our parents are working from home. School has carried the losses for the last 18 months, but we are unable to maintain this for much longer.

It has never been the intention of school to run the club as a profit making venture (it was set up to support our working families), but accounts do need to balance.

With this in mind, from Tuesday 2nd November, the cost of the 7.30am - 9.00am morning session will increase from £4.00 to £4.50 and the evening session will be charged at an hourly rate of £3.50 rather than £3.30.



High School Applications & Faith Forms

If you are applying for a Y7 place in a Catholic High School, then a proof of faith form must be completed for **all** schools that you have applied to. These forms can be found on the schools' websites or obtained from the schools themselves. St. Peter's proof of faith forms were given out at the Y6 Parents' Meeting. **These faith forms must be returned to the high school and not to St. Mary's.**

If your child was baptised at St. Mary's and you need proof of faith for St. Peter's, please write your child's baptism date or year in your child's diary and we will verify this using the parish baptismal register and send a letter up to St. Peter's to support your application. You still need to complete the faith form, but write in the proof of faith section that St. Mary's is sending a separate verification letter to St. Peter's. If you have any further questions, please speak to Mrs Hymers on the playground, or give her a call at school.



Year 6 - PGL Reminder

The children's PGL Residential Holiday will take place from Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th July 2022. Full details will be given nearer to the time—but just a reminder that:

PGL Deposits of £80 need to be paid before October half-term and can be paid via School Money.

Remaining balances can also be paid via School Money either as one off payments, monthly or weekly payments. As you pay, you will see the balance reduce and the outstanding payment will be shown. Please note payment must be received in full no later than Friday 10th June 2022.

Year 6 - High School Reminder

Applications for High School places close on 31st October 2021. If you miss the deadline date, your application will be treated as a late entry. Faith forms must also be in by this date too.

Provisional Calendar Dates for the Year

Please note that these dates may change in response to the local COVID-19 situation and rising infection rates, so please do keep an eye out for any updates.



Wednesday 13th October 2021	Parents' Evening 1 3.40 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 20th October 2021	Parents' Evening 2 3.40 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 20th October 2021	School closes for half-term
Tuesday 2nd November 2021	School re-opens. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY.
Monday 15th November 2021	Non Uniform Day 1 - in exchange for Christmas Chocolate Donations e.g. selection boxes
Monday 22nd November 2021	Non Uniform Day 2 - in exchange for bottles
Thursday 25th November 2021	Selection Box Bingo - further details to follow
Monday 29th November 2021	Non Uniform Day 3 - in exchange for Christmas Hamper donations—further details to follow
Thursday 2nd December 2021	Christmas Movie Night for Rec/KS1 children. 3.30 - 5.30pm £5.00 per child to include refreshments
Tuesday 7th December 2021	KS1 Nativity Play 2.30pm further details to follow
Wednesday 8th December 2021	KS1 Nativity Play 2.30pm further details to follow
Thursday 9th December 2021	Christmas Movie Night for KS2 children. 3.30 - 5.30pm £5.00 per child to include refreshments
Wednesday 15th December 2021	KS2 Nativity Play 2.00pm and 6.30pm further details to follow
Friday 17th December 2021	Reception Nativity Play 2.30pm further details to follow
Wednesday 22nd December 2021	Whole School Carol Service in Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 22nd December 2021	Break Up for Christmas—No After School Club. Breakfast Club will open as normal.
Wednesday 5th January 2022	School re-opens

Rising Numbers of Infections

COVID-19

Primary and Secondary Schools across the borough are continuing to see significant rises in the number of COVID cases in their school communities. Some have already had to revert back to class 'bubbles' and others are approaching the threshold levels that require Public Health intervention and the reintroduction of further measures.

In order for us to keep everyone safe, can we please, please ask that, as a family, you take regular lateral flow tests and that, if positive, you then take a confirmatory PCR test. Many of the cases currently being detected by lateral flow tests are from children who are not showing any symptoms at all - which is rather worrying as the only way of detecting these cases is via testing.



Teach and Treat at St Mary's

Due to the current situation, we have been advised against holding our popular Halloween Disco and we feel that it is such a pity that the children are missing out, once again. SO! Just like last year, we have decided to have a Teach and Treat Day at St. Mary's (in place of the usual Trick or Treat) on Tuesday 19th October. (Wednesday will be tracksuit day as normal for Y1 and KS2.)

On our Teach and Treat Day the children can come to school either dressed up in a Halloween costume or in their own clothes. Masks will not be permitted - even as part of a costume - as they encourage the children to touch their faces when taking them on and off—and some masks are pretty frightening too! Instead, the children can paint their faces; wear Halloween headbands or colour their hair.

Lessons will take place in the morning, but they will be centred around a Halloween theme e.g. Halloween Poetry, Ghostly Grammar etc. This is the TEACH part of the day.

The TREAT part of the day will come in the afternoon when the children will watch a Halloween Movie, whilst munching on popcorn/crisps and slurping on juice. We are asking for a donation of £2.50 per child to cover the cost of the refreshments. This can be paid via School Money. Thank you

Get Caught Reading A Challenge!

Many thanks to those of you who took part in our Get Caught Reading Challenge! We were very impressed by the many different strange and wonderful places that you found to read a book.

We will share all of the entries next week with you in the newsletter and we will also announce the 2 winners.



Class Attendances for the Week

Reception	93.26%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	88.07%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.19%
Year 5	97.67%
Year 6	96.67%



Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 for their excellent attendance this week.



Our Celebration Page



This week's Bucket Fillers are

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Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets (lives) with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.



Rec 	Arlo for helping at tidy up time
Year 1 	Noah for being an excellent role model
Year 2 	Mae for being very thoughtful
Year 3 	Indiana for thanking the caretaker for cleaning our classroom
Year 4 	Caitlyn for making sure the classroom is tidy
Year 5 	Jacob R for always offering to help in class
Year 6 	Jacob Mc for being selfless and always

Good Work Stars

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

Rec	Bobby—super phonics work
Year 1	Jax—fabulous sequencing of numbers up to 140
Year 2	Maddison B—excellent maths work
Year 3	Daisy—being enthusiastic when reading
Year 4	James—a great Stone Age kenning
Year 5	Harry—for excellent poetry writing
Year 6	Kiera—for writing a super poem about her Dream Day

ABC Star of the Week

A big shout out to Ava S, who has been chosen as ABC's Star of the Week. Staff say that she is a happy and helpful person in club. Well done, Ava. We are proud of you.

Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Lexie	James	Grace	Sofia	Sofia
Year 1	Jax	Charles	Freddy	Isla	Charles
Year 2	Aiden	Edison	George	Jessica	George
Year 3	Logan	Penny	Indiana	Emmie	Indiana
Year 4	Ruby	Jonathan	Luca	Kate	Luca
Year 5	Evan	Jacob B	Matthew	Isla L	Evan
Year 6	Harrison	Poppy	Isla	Maya	Poppy

A big well done to our star pupils. Remember to return your trophy on Monday. Thank you

HALLOWEEN

S4K

HOLIDAY CAMP

The S4K Way

TIMES:

0800 - 1800*

*Children can be dropped off
and picked up at anytime
in a camp day

Activities Include:

- ◆ MAKING NEW FRIENDS
- ◆ PUMPKIN CARVING
- ◆ FOOTBALL & RUGBY
- ◆ TEAM & TAG GAMES
- ◆ HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS
- ◆ DANCE & GYMNASTICS
- ◆ NERF & TARGET GAMES
- ◆ HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT
- ◆ DODGEBALL
- ◆ TENNIS & CRICKET
- ◆ DRAMA & PARTY GAMES

And much much more!

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£25 per day

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MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2021

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Ages 5-12

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