

Newsletter: Week 1

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Update from Mrs Nettleship

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school and to hear their news from the holidays. This week, due to demand, our Nursery hours have increased from 8.30am until 3.00pm. There are still some spaces, so if you need a place for your nursery child or know someone who is interested please contact the school office.

This week the police came in to talk to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 to help prepare them to become more independent and get ready for secondary school.

Please can I remind everyone that the children need wellies in school as the ground is now very muddy and we are trying to keep the mud outside.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Nettleship



Dates/ Information

- **17th January:** Elm Class swimming at 10am-parent volunteers welcome
- **24th January:** Elm Class swimming at 10am-parent volunteers welcome
- **25th January:** Ash Class hearing tests
- **26th January:** Elm Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome
- **31st January:** Elm Class swimming at 10am-parent volunteers welcome
- **2nd February:** St Mary's Choir Young Voices Concert at Wembley Arena
- **9th February:** Field Maple Class litter picking-parent volunteers welcome.

Notices:

- We need volunteers on Wednesday mornings to help walk the children to church and swimming. If you are able to help (even just on one occasion), please contact the school office.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer on trips please contact office@stmarysschoolng.org
- All children must have wellies in school every day.

Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	82.47%
Ash Class	84.41%
Beech Class	85.77%
Chestnut Class	92.20%
Elm Class	97.17%
Field Maple Class	96.83%
Grey Willow Class	95.73%

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Sapling Class

In Sapling Class this week we have been reading the story 'Owl Babies'. The children have enjoyed making their own snowy owls. They have settled well into the new routines and are enjoying eating their lunches at school.



Ash Class

In Ash Class this week, we focused on introducing zero for maths. The children were given opportunities to learn through games. For RE we discussed people who are special to us; liking this to how God feels about us.



Beech Class

In Beech Class, we are reading 'Pinocchio' in English and we looked at adjectives to describe Geppetto. In maths, we looked at 2-D shapes and we were grouping them depending on how many sides they have. In RE, we started to learn about Judaism.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been learning how to count pounds and pence in our maths money, choosing notes and coins. In RE, we have started to learn about Judaism and what a festival is. In phonics, we have been learning the 'eer' sound.



Look at how busy we've been and how we've grown this week!

Elm Class

Elm Class started a fiction unit in English and had class discussions around 'feast'. In maths, we practised the formal method of multiplication. In RE, as part of world religion, we started work on Hinduism. In PSHE, we researched about charity work.



Field Maple Class

This week Year 5 have started looking at their new book in English, and have been stepping in the shoes of a young car enthusiast. We have also started looking at the ancient Maya civilisation in history.



Grey Willow Class

Year 6 have started revising for SATs with a new fiction unit in English. We have reflected on Epiphany, and learnt about how it is celebrated around the world. We also started looking at Buddhism in RE, and started learning about evolution in science.



Thought for the week

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

- Matthew 2:1-2.

Something to think about

The community of God's people is wide open and welcoming to all; there is warmth and light enough to go around. That each person contributes, adds to and impacts the family culture, is a great gift. The arrival of the magi to meet and worship the young Jesus challenges us to offer the same warm welcome in both our physical spaces, and in the communities of which we're part.



Something to do

If you don't already know, research what local groups and organisations support refugees in your area. Consider how you might want to get involved in offering a welcome.

Something to pray

God of outstretched arms, thank you for the wideness of your mercy and the expansive reach of your love. Where I am tempted to turn inwards in defence, open me up to other people and help me to welcome them into the communities of which I'm a part. Amen.

All children are expected to achieve 96% attendance.

- *Attendance of 96% is regarded as good by Ofsted.*
- *Attendance below 96% is cause for concern and needs improvement.*
- *Children with attendance below 90% are regarded as persistent absentees and can be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.*
- *Every day counts!*

Every day counts!

Holidays

Requests for holidays or requests for travelling to visit relatives will **NOT be authorised** under any circumstances. Please note this includes requests to visit relatives who are unwell.

Families who take holidays or travel in term time will be issued with a penalty notice.

If your child's attendance during the school year is:	Your child will have lost:	Or they will have missed:
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons

Exceptional or special leave

In exceptional circumstances, parents/carers must make a request to the Headteacher. Please note that it is very unusual for the Headteacher to be able to authorise absence from school.

It is vital that requests are made before making any bookings and documents must be provided to support the application.

In making the decision, the Executive Headteacher will consider the reasons for the absence, your child's current attendance percentage and any previous applications and absences.





St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Spring Term 2023-2024

Monday 8 th January	Term Starts
Wednesday 10 th January	Swimming Elm class 10.00am
Thursday 11 th January	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Friday 12 th January	Grey Willow Class- Police talks
Friday 12 th January	Field Maple Class - Police talks
Wednesday 17 th January	Swimming Elm class 10.00am
Wednesday 24 th January	Swimming Elm class 10.00am
Thursday 25 th January	Hearing Tests – Ash class
Friday 26 th January	Elm Class Litter picking-1.00pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Swimming Elm Class at 10.00am
Friday 2 nd February	Young Voices-St Mary's Choir
Thursday 8 th February	Elm Class Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	Field Maple Class litter picking 1.30pm
Friday 9 th February	End of Term-finish at 3.00pm
Monday 12 th February- Friday 16 th February	Half Term

Ealing Mental Health Support Team

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENT/CARERS

SPRING TERM 2024



Over the spring term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.



<https://forms.gle/jmUT9kJNRPNdBUAh6>



If you have any questions, please do email us on: Ealing.mhst@nhs.net

PRE AND POST-ATTENDANCE GUIDE

Step 1

Use our QR code to sign up for a workshop(s) of your choice

Step 2

You will be emailed a Microsoft Teams link several days before the workshop

Step 3

You'll receive another email reminder on the morning of the workshop

Step 4

All workshops start promptly on the time advertised. Please note we cannot guarantee access to the workshop if sign up is on the day so do sign up as early as possible

Step 5

To ensure you receive resources from the workshop you have attended, please complete the feedback form provided at the end of the session

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 1 - 4 MULTISPORTS



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FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 3 – 6 FOOTBALL



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Dear Parent/Carer

St Mary's Church of England Primary School extra-curricular clubs,

The following extra-curricular clubs will begin week commencing 8th January through to week commencing 25th March 2024:- (excluding half term 12th - 16th February 2024)

Monday	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4	Multi- sports	8 th January 25 th March 2024 (11wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£55.00
Friday	Years 3-6	Football	12 th January - 22 nd March 2024 (10wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£50.00

All clubs will now be available to book online through our PSD website on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for each club (minimum 12 for club to take place). Please visit www.thepsdgroup.org.uk to book your child's place.

Clubs are open to boys and girls of all abilities the coaching programme introduces young players to the fundamentals of sport. Coaching sessions aim to improve ability, build confidence, and emphasize the importance of sportsmanship whilst maintaining a realistic perspective of competition.

All sessions delivered by qualified PSD staff, first aid trained, child-protection educated and hold relevant DBS checks.

Player of the week certificates will be presented at the end of the session.

Please note: Every effort will be made to ensure the club runs outside on the playground. If however, the weather prevents the session going ahead, a classroom theory based session will take place. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing to keep them warm in the colder months.

Kind regards

The PSD Group



ISLEWORTH FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL

RIDGEWAY ROAD, ISLEWORTH, TW7 5LJ

WHEN: EVERY MONDAY

STARTING: MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

(PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN CAN JOIN COURSE AFTER START DATE CONTACT NUMBER FOR MORE INFO)

MONDAYS:

- Group 1 : School Years Reception & Year 16.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 2 : School Year 2 & Year 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm (Pitch 2)
- Group 3 : School Year 4 & Year 5.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 1)
- Group 4 : School Year 6 & Year 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm (Pitch 2)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 24 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2023. The course will run for 12-14 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A. qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn **ESSENTIAL FOOTBALL TECHNIQUES**, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice.
- It is an **INDOOR** course held in Sports Halls, therefore trainers must be worn.
- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'American shoot out' and 'Penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation.
- The cost of the course is £8.50 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £34 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

www.unswestcoaching.org

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

ISLEWORTH + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)

and receive confirmation by text to: **07880 798 762**

CHRISTMAS FUN FOOTBALL CAMP

We are also holding our very popular 4 day **CHRISTMAS** football camp at Swakeleys School (Hillingdon, UB10 0EJ) on **TUESDAY 2ND to FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024** (9.00am – 3.00pm) for boys and girls aged 4 – 13. Each child will receive an engraved trophy. The cost of the 4 day camp are £80 per child. (£50 for additional siblings & Individual Days £25 per day) If you would like your child to attend these football fun days please text: **SWAKELEYS CHRISTMAS CAMP + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE TO: 07880 798 762** to obtain confirmation and further details.