

Newsletter: Week 1

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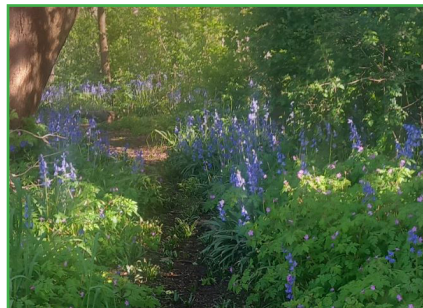
Perseverance

"Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:3

Update from Mrs Nettleship

The children have enjoyed being back at school and observing that spring has arrived in the grounds at St Mary's. Thank you to the parents who have been helping with our new prayer garden, it is beginning to take shape. We are now looking for shade loving plants, so if you are able to help out with this please see our wish list attached to this newsletter.



Today Year 5 returned from Sayers Croft having had a wonderful time, they have completed so many challenging activities and many of them have tried things they have never done before, well done! I look forward to hearing more about it from them next week.



Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Nettleship

Notices:

- If you have any good quality second hand uniform that you would be happy to give to the school, we would appreciate any donations.
- All children are required to have welly boots at school at all times.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer, please contact the school office.

Dates/ Information

- **29th April-10th May:** Penny War
- **6th May:** Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **13th-17th May:** Year 6 SATs week
- **27th-31st May:** Half Term
- **6th June:** Football Tournament for Year 5 and Year 6
- **10th June:** School Council to visit Holy Trinity Primary School
- **11th June:** Ash Class assembly at 9.00am-parents welcome

Attendance Champions

Sapling Class	92.09%
Ash Class	94.46%
Beech Class	87.40%
Chestnut Class	96.31%
Elm Class	93.76%
Field Maple Class	95.22%
Grey Willow Class	82.27%

Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

Through our Christian ethos, we teach children to hear, understand and live the word of God, helping them to give back to the world as global citizens. As every child is uniquely created in God's image, we nurture their individual development through a holistic approach to all aspects of life.

Sapling Class

In Sapling Class we read the book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, which is a heart-warming story about confidence and self-esteem. We have drawn tigers, played with food in our new Farm Cafe, and we have practised writing the letter 't' in our phonics lessons.



Ash Class

For maths this week in Ash class, the children were given opportunities to become more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern of numbers to 13. We continued to consolidate level three phonics, especially focusing on digraphs and trigraphs.



Beech Class

In English, we started to look at a new story called *The Storm Whale*. In maths, we have been counting in 2s and 10s. In history, we are looking at old and new explorers. In science, we have started our new topic 'plants'. We went around the school to look at different plants and their features.



Chestnut Class

We have learnt that seeds need water, warmth and sunlight in science. We have planted seeds to compare different growth conditions and each child is growing their own sweet pea plant in ideal conditions. In maths, we have learnt about equal groups, recognising and finding a half.



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

Elm Class

Elm class started exploring their science topic of 'Living Things and Their Habitats', and the children shared their information posters with the class. In history, we started looking at Vikings timeline. In English, we formed opinions about a new fiction book, 'Float' and experienced making boats.



Field Maple Class

Year 5 have enjoyed an amazing time together at Sayers Croft. We have worked a lot on team building and problem solving when tackling different activities. Children have enjoyed themselves greatly and have had a fantastic time being together.



Grey Willow Class

Year 6 have returned to school well rested after the spring break, ready to complete our final revision before SATs. We have also been reading and writing anecdotes in English and have studied factors that influence our health in science.



Thought for the week

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
Psalm 1:1-3

Something to think about

This is a beautiful Psalm to meditate on as we move into this season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness'. The rich beauty of autumn is starting to be revealed. Across the country, the trees and crops grew and flourished through summer. Now they bear fruit, and we offer our thanks for a safe harvest. For the psalmist, that life-giving water is 'the law of the Lord'. Can we share that delight? Can we drink from that life-giving water? God's law is characterised by righteousness and justice. To follow that law means to be in right relationship with God, with each other, and with our world. When those with power choose the path of selfishness and greed, those living in poverty are the ones to suffer. Streams of water run dry in a literal sense, and trees fail to yield their crops. And yet it need not be that way. Poverty can end when the powerful embrace righteousness and justice, and delight in the law of the Lord.

Something to do

Read Matthew 7:13-20. Do you notice any parallels with Psalm 1? Do you think Jesus may have had this Psalm in mind when he was teaching? With these two passages in mind, can you notice the good and bad 'fruits' of the choices you make?

Something to pray

Lord and giver of life, teach us to delight in your righteous law. Nourish us with your word, so that our lives may bear rich fruit. Give us the confidence and strength to speak out against injustice and to challenge the wickedness and sinful structures that bind so many in poverty. May your kingdom come, Amen.



Prayer Garden Wish List

Plants

Lavender, Rosemary, Chives,
Bedding Plants e.g. Pansies

Seeds

Packets of Wild Flower Seeds

Bulbs

Daliahs, Begonias, Crocosmias, Polianthes,
Wild Garlic

or any other kind donation

Thank you



1-2-3-4 - WE DECLARE A PENNY WAR

WHERE: St Mary's CoE Primary School

29TH April TO 10TH May 2024

Raising money for our wonderful school

The Rules....

Each house will have their own container located in the Entrance Hall
GAIN POINTS by adding pennies or pounds to your house team's container
SUBTRACT POINTS by adding silver coins to the other house's jars....

The Points....

Adding

1p coin	=	+1 point
2p coin	=	+2 points
£1 coin	=	+100 points
£2 coin	=	+200 points

Subtracting

5p coin	=	-5 points
10p coin	=	-10 points
20p coin	=	-20 points
50p coin	=	-50 points

Moonstone



Amazonite



Ruby



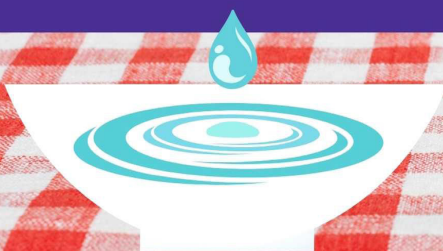
Yellow Diamond





ALL-AGE WORSHIP

10AM ON SUNDAY 21ST APRIL



You are invited
to join a table for a
relaxed child-friendly
service with quiz &
crafts exploring the
theme of
power & influence.
What kind of ripples
do you cause?



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January 18th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Punctuality

Despite letters going home last week to those families who are persistently late, we still have an extremely high number of children arriving to school after the registers have been taken.

Due to this, we have no option but to change the way we receive children who are late to school.

The new procedure is as follows and will start after the February half term:

- Please escort your child to the gate where you will be buzzed through.
- Please come to the school office WITH YOUR CHILD and complete the form/sign your child in.
- Your child will then be taken/sent to class.

Please note that we cannot accept late children without an adult to sign them in, so please do not just drop them and go, please bring them to the school office.

This now applies to all children who are late to school, regardless of the reason. If you have notified us of a medical appointment, this will be recorded accordingly but you are still required to escort them to the school office.

Those families who are persistently late have already received a letter, but please find the letter attached again to ensure that everyone is aware of the new procedures and the Borough's requirement for us to report persistent lateness.

As always, children can be dropped off from 8.30am at the gates, and should be in class ready for the register by 8.50am. The gates are closed promptly at 8.50am.

Thank you to all those families who do get their children to school on time, your efforts and support do not go un-noticed and are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Stangroom

Pastoral Manager

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.





We are delighted to launch 'St. Mary's After School Club' after Half Term. Mrs Hunter will be leading our club and she is working with the School Council to come up with a new name!

Sessions are

- 3-5pm £8.00
- 3-6pm £12.00
- Half days at School and Training Days will now also be available at an additional cost

Every session will include a small snack, consisting of toast and fruit. Quiet time and playground activities every session. We will also be offering clubs each session which is included in the price!

Monday	Cooking
Tuesday	Homework Club
Wednesday	Arts and Crafts
Thursday	Dance Club
Friday	Film night or Karaoke with Hot Dogs and popcorn!

Charges will now apply for late collection to all parents. If you are late collecting your child (after 3pm) your child will go into ASC and you will be charged £8.00 for the session which will need to be paid on arrival.

If you are interested please contact the school office office@stmarysschoolng.org to secure your space!

Mrs R Blake
Executive Headteacher
Bishop Winnington Ingram, St. Mary's and Holy Trinity
Church of England Primary Schools

Summer Term Clubs



ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Years 1-4

Multi-sports

Monday

3.15pm-4.15pm

15th April-22nd July
(13 weeks)

£65

SCAN
HERE!



Years 3-6

Football

Friday

3.15pm-4.15pm

19th April-19th July
(13 weeks)

£65

SCAN
HERE!





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

Monday 15 th April	Beginning of Summer Term
Wednesday 17 th April	Sayers Croft Field Maple class Weds 17 th – 19 th April
Friday 19 th April	Police Talk & Parents Grey Willow class 9am
Monday 29 th April	Penny War
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Week 13 th May – 17 th May
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NEED TIME TO RELAX AND UNWIND?

CONTACT EALING'S "DEEP REST" PARENT CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Reduce stress | Feel better | Pamper yourself!

Take some time for yourself and practice "Deep Rest" – techniques that allow you to slow down your mind, regenerate, reduce stress and benefit your immune system. Sessions are led by Leah Barnett

<https://www.unwindwithleah.com/>.

"9PM ON WEDNESDAY IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A HIGHLIGHT OF MY WEEK"

"I LOVE THESE SESSIONS SO, SO MUCH!"

Join us and learn this relaxation practice, no equipment or fitness level required!

Every Wednesday evening, starting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 9pm

Where: online via Zoom

Need time to relax and unwind? Join Contact's "Deep Rest" parent carer support group, **Reduce stress | Feel better | Pamper yourself!** Take some time for yourself and practice "Deep Rest" – techniques that allow you to slow down your mind, regenerate, reduce stress and benefit your immune system. Join us and learn this relaxation practice, no equipment or fitness level required!

Dates - Starting Wednesday 10th January 2024 and every subsequent Wednesday evening at the same time during term time. FREE for parents and carers of children with ASD or ADHD in NW London.

To book please book via this link below to receive the Zoom meeting link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/infUZXQJe>

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Ealing Mental Health Support Team

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUMMER TERM 2024



Over the summer 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



MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- If your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 1 - 4 MULTISPORTS



ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEAR 3 – 6 FOOTBALL



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