

## Information for parents/carers-please keep safe for future reference.



Term: Spring 2  
2019/20  
Nursery

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's RC Primary School, Battersea. We hope that you and your family had a lovely half-term break.

Spring is on its way! The mornings are getting lighter and the staff are refreshed and invigorated, after another excellent training day with fellow Wandsworth Catholic primary schools, at Sacred Heart Primary School in Roehampton. The morning focused on curriculum development led by outside speakers with expertise in RE (linked to art and the God Who Speaks), Science, History and Geography. In the afternoon, teachers met in their different subjects to share good practice and to consider next steps as a Catholic cluster in regards to teaching and learning and curriculum development. We all then met for a closing liturgy with Deacon Michael. So all in all, a lovely and inspirational start to the half term.

During this period of Lent, it is a perfect time for the children to reflect upon their personal goals, attitude to learning and the choices that they make both in class and in the playground, and in their relationships with others. As it mentions in the most recent Wednesday Word,

*'Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to try and make a change for the better by turning away from things which are wrong for ourselves or others.'*

So that your child/children have a smooth transition back to school this half term, please continue to develop positive learning behaviours at home by encouraging your child to:

- Show **curiosity** and **creativity** by discussing their homework with you, asking questions related to their learning and suggesting ideas.
- Demonstrate **concentration** by finding a quiet area in which to study and organising what they need to complete their homework
- Show **effort, improvement, perseverance** and **resilience** by completing homework tasks fully, to a good standard of presentation and to the best of their ability
- Demonstrate **teamwork** by speaking to their class (or set teacher) before the due date if they need assistance or clarification, and ensuring that they hand homework in **on time**, so that the class can work together when revising learning and addressing misconceptions.

## PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

We continue to celebrate the positive attributes of every child this year through awarding 'Pupil of the Day', which is part of PATHS, our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) programme. This award is given out at random on a daily basis to our pupils. We hope you continue to enjoy hearing the compliments your child receives!

Please see <http://www.pathseducation.co.uk/> for more details.

### Key dates for your diary

12<sup>th</sup> March Oral health Workshop for parents 11.15am-11.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> March Nursery Class visit Battersea Park Library

26<sup>th</sup> March Parent Teacher Consultation from 1.15pm

3<sup>rd</sup> April School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.15pm

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term:

Our topic is People who help us

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
Literacy	Our books are Dinosaur firefighters, Dinosaur police and Dinosaurs at school. We will be looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.	Look at some information books with your child – see what you can find out.
Maths	We will writing numbers, in lots of different ways. We will be looking at shapes and odd ones out.	You can help your child by writing numbers 1 – 10 – in the air, in bubbles.
RE	We will be talking about Jesus growing up, Lent and Easter. We will be looking at growth and change. We will be visiting the church.	Look for signs of change on your journey to school, is it light or dark? Can you see flowers appearing or trees changing?
Understanding the world	The children will be finding out about lots of different jobs, teachers, firefighters, doctors, opticians, librarians.	You can talk to your child about different jobs.
Communication & language	Our role play area will become a Fire Station and then an Opticians, and we will be listening to lots of different stories.	Read stories to your child, ask them questions about the stories, where is it happening? What do you think will happen at the end?
PSED	We will be talking about how to keep ourselves safe. We will think about what to do if we get lost and who can help us.	Talk to your child about people who help us.
Physical	We will be continuing to develop our pencil grips and we will be building with our community blocks. We will be writing the letters in our name.	Help your child build up strength in their hands in fingers by using tools, opening and closing pegs, painting and doing finger gym exercises.
Expressive art and design	The children will be painting, drawing, and collaging. We will be making Easter cards and a decorating a Lenten tree	Encourage your child to draw pictures of people who help us.
PATHS	We will be continuing to learn about our friends Twiggle, Henrietta, Duke and Daphne. We will talk about how our friends are feeling.	Ask your child to tell you how they are feeling and say how you are feeling too.

Where possible we like to take the children out of school, or invite visitors in to speak to the children to enrich their learning. This half term we are visiting the library and the church.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare or if you have any questions or worries. We all want happy children who are ready to learn and happy families ready to support good learning!

Kind regards,

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Ostrowski

**Support staff:**

Miss Sam Samsiga Ratnakumar

Ms Mary Ann Ampah

#### Classroom Reminders

Please, make sure your child is wearing the correct Early Years uniform.

ENSURE THAT EVERY ITEM IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

All children must wear a coat to school, a cardigan is not enough. We play outside no matter the weather.



Check that your child has a spare set of clothing hanging on their peg.

Reading books are changed on Mondays, Maths Packs are changed on Tuesdays and Homework books on Thursdays.