

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 22nd September
2023



@StMarys_SW8



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the beginning of a number of educational visits taking place, which make the most of living in one of the most exciting and enriching capitals in the world.

Year 4 have visited the British Museum, to enhance their understanding of their current history topic, Ancient Egypt. Whilst Year 5 have visited the Science Museum to enhance their understanding of forces.

We look forward to further enrichment opportunities this term...including a theatre visit for early Years as we welcome Angel theatre company for a performance of 'Wow! Said the owl.'



Food Collection

We are fortunate enough to be receiving a food donation every week.

Every **Tuesday** we will be giving out food at the front entrance from 3:15pm.

All families are welcome.



Our Mission Statement

'A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches'

Matthew 13.31



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th September—Y6 class assembly at 9am

Tuesday 3rd October—Learn to Love to Read workshop in EYFS at 9am

Thursday 5th October—Y5 class assembly at 9am

Tuesday 10th October—Parent Gym taster session at 9am

Thursday 12th October—Y4 class assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th October—Y3 class assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th October - Y1 & Y2 to the London Wetland Centre

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—HALF TERM

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	99%	3
Reception	88%	3
Year 1	92%	3
Year 2	94%	12
Year 3	99%	6
Year 4	99%	6
Year 5	100%	5
Year 6	93%	6

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **GENEROUS**

“May we learn to be generous in giving; to love without limits”
Pope Francis



On Wednesday, representatives from the Faith Friends of both schools attended the Education Commission Welcome Mass in St Georges Cathedral Southwark. Mass was said by Bishop Paul Hendricks and as usual behaviour was exemplary.



Deacon Michael met the children there and then to make the occasion even more memorable, took the Faith Friends for a tour of his workplace, Archbishops House .

While looking round the children were also greeted by the Bishop of Arundel .



Upcoming open mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception parents!

St Mary's open morning - Tuesday 26th September at 9:30am

Sacred Heart open morning - Thursday 28th September at 9:30am

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion and confirmation classes will be starting very soon. If you have a child in Y3 and above or Y9 and above and would like them to take these sacraments, please come along to the parent meeting on Saturday 7th October at 10:30am In the church hall at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Joseph's Church



Parent Gym taster session Tuesday
10th October at 9am!



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charge, worth £1000 per parent.**



Dear parents,

Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...

Parent Gym is coming to St Marys

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme is free for parents.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the **Meeting room near the office** on:

Tuesday, from 9 - 11

Tuesday 10th October: Taster (45 mins) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

Tuesday 31st October: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

Tuesday 7th Nov: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

Tuesday 14th Nov: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

Tuesday 21st Nov: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Tuesday 28th Nov: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

Tuesday 5th Dec: Together (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To **confirm** your place, please speak to **Mrs Cadden** or ask **Molly at reception/the office**.



St Mary's RC Primary School Term Dates 2023-2024

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.
These are our term dates for the academic year.

Autumn Term 2023
INSET Day: 4th September
Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October
Half Term: 23rd to 27th October
INSET Day: 30th October
Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December
Spring Term 2024
Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February
Half Term: 12th - 16th February
Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March
Summer Term 2024
Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May
Half Term: 27th - 31st May
INSET Day: 3rd June
Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July
Two INSET Days TBC



Ten:Ten **Resources**



September 2023

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that this first newsletter finds you well-rested after the summer break. The beginning of a new school year is exciting and busy, and a time ripe for new resolutions. Children may have mixed feelings as they settle into new routines at school, and you'll be easing back into school-time routines as a family too.

This newsletter gives a glimpse of some of the Collective Worship resources that children will experience during September and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.

To read the full September newsletter please click on the link below!

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/