## St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 29th September 2023



@StMarys\_SW8







Dear Parents and Carers.

After working closely with Apple over the last 18 months and developing our coding skills, we welcomed Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, to our school this week. Year 6 were able to talk about all they have learned during this long term project and relationship with Apple. Year 6 were a credit to the schooland are coding experts indeed!



At Apple, we want to invest in the communities we operate in, and that's one of the many reasons we're proud to support @StMarys\_SW8, which is located in Battersea. Really enjoyed my visit there today, and loved seeing what students are creating on iPad.





It was fantastic to visit St Mary's school in #Battersea with @Apple CEO @tim\_cook & Vice-President @lisapjackson to meet students taking part in the Everyone Can Code educational programme.

I am pleased that they will expand the programme to nine schools over the year.



Tim Cook and 3 others

## **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**

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

Thursday 5th October – Y5 class assembly at 9am

Monday 9th October – Y4 poetry trip to the Civic Suite

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

Thursday 19th October - Football Festival in Battersea Park with Coach Pedro

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

Wednesday 1st November—Y4 football team to Emanuel tournament

Thursday 2nd November – Y6 to Wisley

Thursday 9th November – Y2 class assembly

Thursday 16th November – Y1 class assembly

Monday 20th—Friday 24th November—Y6 to Sayers Croft

Wednesday 22nd November – Y4 to Winter Sounds concert rehearsal at the Civic Suite

Wednesday 22nd November – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 30th November – Parents consultations — school will close early.

Tuesday 12th December – EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December – Y4 performance at the Winter Sounds concert in Fairfield Halls

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service

Thursday 21st December - LAST DAY OF TERM—school will close early.





## Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	94%	2
Reception	90%	1
Year 1	94%	2
Year 2	94%	12
Year 3	96%	1
Year 4	97%	1
Year 5	98%	5
Year 6	93%	3

## **Wednesday Word**

## The Wednesday word this week is CHANGE

"Our friendship with God changes our life—filling us with passion and joy"

Pope Francis



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



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

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: **Behave** (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: **Care** (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: **Discover** (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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