

ST. MARY'S C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be.'

17 MAY, 2019

NEWSLETTER NO: 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say well done to Year 6 who did their best in their SAT's tests this week. We are proud of their determination and persistence throughout, even when challenged by tough questions.

Please help! I cannot stress how important it is that we have some new volunteers for our PTFA. If you are a parent who would like to make a difference to the children and school by helping or leading community events and fundraising then please make yourself know to Mrs McKelvey or the school office.

We would also invite you to the summer fair planning meeting on Friday 24th May at 9am. Over the years we have had a core group of parents that have led the PTFA and another group of parents that have always been able to help out on the day. Unfortunately, we currently have no one to lead our PTFA and our numbers of helpers are very low.

The reality is staff cannot organise and run the summer / Christmas fairs or other events alone. If we could identify just one parent from each class that could attend meetings and then encourage other parents from their child's class to help out that would be amazing! Can you help? We don't want to have to cancel these fantastic events.

I hope the weather stays dry as some children and staff run the Hackney mile this Sunday. If you are going to watch, please look out for them and cheer them on. Good luck to them all.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs O'Brien
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

SUMMER 1 2019

Week	Date	Event / activity	Who
5	Monday 20 th May 2019	YR 2 trip to Natural History Museum	YR2
5	Monday 20 th May 2019	Year 1 trip to Walford Road, Synagogue	YR 1
5	Monday 20 th May 2019	YR 6 Trip to Ragged Museum	YR 6
5	Friday 24 th May 2019	Break up for half term holiday	Whole school

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to remind parents of the importance of getting your child to school on time. Many of you are never or rarely late, this is great, well done.

However, we have noted that the main office has been extremely busy after the gate has closed at 9am with late comers. It is our job to highlight to you that when a child is late the impact on a child is loss of learning. At St Mary's children late in the morning will be missing out of the fundamental lesson of reading.

This is time that your child will not get back and it will impact on their achievement throughout their school career. We have noticed slower progress for some children who are persistently late. Being late regularly (persistently poor punctuality) is not acceptable and not fair on the child. Children often feel embarrassed or uncomfortable as they enter the classroom late or when their class does not achieve awards for punctuality.

Please get your routines organised so that your child does not miss out on their learning and we do not have to keep communicating with parents both collectively and individually about this.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% in school	Rank
R	85.71	7TH
1	94.69	6TH
2	95.47	5TH
3	98.07	3RD
4	98.72	2ND
5	98.02	4TH
6	99.23	1ST



PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Class	Number of lates	Rank
R	5	4TH
1	5	4TH
2	6	6TH
3	7	7TH
4	2	2ND
5	1	1ST
6	2	2ND



Let's celebrate!

Congratulations to all the children that have received the star of the week award at our celebration assembly this week.

Children receive these by 'living out' one or more of our school values.

Nursery	JEOVANI
Reception	ALVIN
Year 1	ISABELLA
Year 2	ETHAN
Year 3	NEVEAH
Year 4	N/A
Year 5	JEREMIAH
Year 6	ABRAHAM

HOPE
COURAGE
LOVE
RESPECT
TRUTH



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

SCHOOL NOTICES

Key dates for parents - summer 2019

Week	Date	Event / activity
5.	Monday 20 th May 19	YR 2 trip to Natural History Museum all day YR 1 trip to Walford Rd synagogue. PM YR 6 trip to Ragged Museum. PM
1.	Tuesday 4 th June 19	Hispanic day
		SRE week

2.	Monday 10 th June 19	Phonics test week
2.	Thursday 13 th June 19	2.50 pm Nursery Class Assembly
2.	Friday 14 th June 19	Year 5 girls visiting Our Lady's convent school
3.	Monday 17 th June 19	EYFS Welcome meeting 9am / 4.30pm
3.	Wednesday 19 th June 19	Year 1 music festival am Year 3 music festival pm
3.	Thursday 20 th June 19	2.50 pm Reception class assembly
3.	Friday 21 st June 19	Sports day
4.	Friday 28 th June 19	Summer fair – TBC
5.	Thursday 4 th July 19	Year 6 transition day
6.	Tuesday 9 th July 19	Optional Parents Evenings
7.	Wednesday 10 th July 19	Year 6 Production – 6pm
7.	Monday 15 th July 19	Meet the teacher morning for the children/Handover
7.	Tuesday 16 th July 19	Year 6 leavers Church Service 2pm (tbc)
7.	Friday 19 th July 19	School ends 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays

Half term Holiday

Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019
Children return to school on Monday 3rd June 2019



SUMMER FAIR – FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2019: TBC

What: Summer fair planning Meeting

When: Friday 24th May at 9am – After school drop off

Why: We really need volunteers to be able to run a successful summer fair this year. If we don't get enough parent volunteers this year we will be unable to go ahead with the fair.

How can you help: Please come along to help plan, organise and support the fair.

If you are unable to attend but would like to help with the planning and organisation of the summer fair – please let Mrs McKelvey know.

Thanks in advance for all your support
PTFA



ST.MARYS HERB GARDEN

The herb garden planted by Year 1 (with a little help from some members of the PTFA) is looking amazing, with an abundance of mint and sage in particular. Tied bunches of sage will be available on a table near to the main gate this Friday (17th May). Please do help yourselves if you would like some to use in your cooking at home. We've included a recipe for butternut squash and sage soup below in case you need some inspiration!



Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 red onions (chopped)
2 tablespoons sage leaves (chopped)
1 large butternut squash (peeled, deseeded and chopped into small-ish pieces)
1.5 litres stock (approx. – depends what consistency you like your soup)

Recipe:

In a large pan gently cook the onions and sage leaves in the olive oil over a low heat until really soft. Add the butternut squash and gently cook for a further 5 minutes. Add the stock and bring to the boil, then turn down and let simmer for around 15 minutes, until the squash is soft. Season and allow to cool a little then blend to a smooth consistency (adding a little more water if needed). Add further seasoning if required. Re-heat and serve with garlic bread or cheese on toast.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Cycle Training for Children

Hackney Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training courses for children over the May half term on Hackney Downs. Courses are suitable for all ages and there are complete beginner, intermediate and on-road course levels. Bikes are available to borrow or children can bring their own. For more information or to book a place, visit

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/>
or call the Cycle Confident office on [020 3031 6730](tel:02030316730).

