

Curriculum letters

The curriculum letters for each class are on the website. Please use them to support learning and home learning this term.

Consultations

Thank you to all who have attended parent consultations this week. These meetings will have updated you on your child's progress so far this term, and how you can support them in taking their next steps in learning. If you need to speak to class teachers about learning or other matters they will be happy to have a quick chat after school, or make an appointment if a longer time is needed. Attached is the list people you may wish to speak with about any concerns.

On-line safety

The following free resource from National On-line Safety is offered to families in support in ensuring that children are safe on-line.

As part of our **#WakeUpWednesday** campaign, we've created a free 'conversation starter' poster for schools to share with their parents & carers about online safety. The guide includes 7 questions to get 'the conversation' going in relation to their child's internet usage. Engaging in regular, two-way communication with children about online activities is a really important way of building trust and highlighting the dangers they are exposed to every day.

Reminder: food in school

Due to the number of children in school with a range of food related allergies, please remember:

- No food containing nuts of any kind in packed lunches or cakes.
- For birthday treat for the class, no nuts of any kind or cakes, bought or home-made.
- Children may bring Haribos or Cadbury milk chocolate as they are free from the allergens which may cause serious reactions.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this.

Please help us spread the message by sharing this guide for parents & carers on:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1060140712686161927>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1914184988887682/?type=3&theater>

We teach e-safety to all classes throughout the year. Further resources are available on the school website.

Midsummer Nights Dream

Years 3,4,5 and 6 are looking forward to their visit to Wyllotts Theatre on **Monday 12th November** to see the play. This follows the excellent workshops before half term. The play will be an important part of their studies in Literacy this half term.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A PACKED LUNCH. WILL RETURN FROM THE THEATRE BY 1.15 AND EAT THEN.

St Mary's families are invited to join the Remembrance Sunday commemorations this **Sunday 11th November**.

We will gather at **10.45am** along with leaders from St Mary's, Brookside Methodist Church, East Barnet Baptist Church, and Barnet United Synagogue, along with the Royal British Legion, at the War Memorial in East Barnet Village for prayers and the call of the Last Post.

Children from St Mary's School will lay a Poppy wreath which will be followed by a two minute silence at 11am.

The gathering will be followed by a service of remembrance in Brookside Methodist Church which will include the reading of names of those from East Barnet who have been killed in conflict.

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

For information

Dear Parents/Carers

Following feedback received in last year's Parents Survey the possibility of running an After School Club has been fully explored by the Governors.

While we would very much like to offer this facility, taking into account the restrictions on space imposed by the layout of the school, we regret that under Health and Safety guidelines we cannot safely offer such a Club.

In looking at all options more specifically

- the Hall is essentially a link between the Infants and Junior school and as such has constant movement of staff and cleaners after 3.30pm
- classrooms are occupied by teachers in preparing, assessing and marking after school every day
- existing after school activities use other available spaces every day
- the Library and Green Room do not have sufficient space

The governing body would have liked to have found a solution to your request, however, our position can only be reviewed if the above factors change in any significant way

Regards Keith Reynolds - Chair of Governors

For action

Dear Parents and Carers

It has come to the attention of Governors that there are concerns (raised by a number of parents) regarding dangerous driving/speeding on roads around the school, particularly Littlegrove, around breakfast club/school drop off times and pick up times in the afternoon. Governors are concerned that this may be causing an increased risk of near misses/potential accidents for children at St Mary's as well as children walking to other local schools.

We would be grateful if you could email us care of the school office (by 27 November, please) if you have witnessed dangerous driving/incidents/near misses on roads close to the school since September. If possible please provide us with specific dates/times and what you have seen. This will allow us to gauge the extent of the problem, and take the matter further with Barnet Council and/or the police if necessary.

Many thanks.

Lorena Esposito-Storey and Chris Fitzgerald, Parent Governors

Who to speak to:

Class Teacher

Day to day matters, routines, learning, absences, friendships.
See briefly before 8.50am or after school, but not before or after school on Wednesdays (Staff Meetings).
Class teachers will be happy to make a longer appointment should you need one.

School Administrators

Mrs Debby Stevenson
Mrs Michelle Rawl

School Money payments, letters, appointments, uniform, exceptional leave of absence and general enquiries

Medication

The School Administrator is available at 8.45 and 3.30 in the school office to discuss medication.

Associate Head

Mrs Maria Constantinou

Class teachers liaise with Mrs Constantinou where there are concerns, and meetings will be arranged with parents as needed.

Deputy Head - Curriculum

Mrs Eileen Beechey
(maternity leave)

KS1 Curriculum, any other matters not covered by the above staff.

Mrs Lucy Richardson

KS2 Curriculum, any other matters not covered by the above staff

Headteacher

Mrs Mel Adams

Curriculum, any other matters not covered by the above staff.
Concerns or complaints

Chair of Governors

Mr Keith Reynolds

Having spoken to the above, parents may talk further with the Chair if they wish, who can be contacted through the school

Rector

St Mary's Church

Prayer, pastoral support and advice about anything to do with the church.