

Newsletter No. 13

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this final newsletter of the year finds you all well.

Year 5 and 6 families: End of Year production of 'Cinderella and Rockerfella'

Our School Vision:

At St Mary's, inspired by Christian

values, we are excited by our learning, proud of our

achievements, determined to be the best that we can be and caring

for all of God's creation.

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On Wednesday 19th July at 7pm, all of the children in Y5 &Y6 will be performing in our end of year show. The children have worked really hard to learn the songs and Y6 have enjoyed taking on acting parts. It's essential that all Y5 and Y6 pupils return to school that evening for the show. Children should be back at school no earlier than 6.45pm.

The first few rows of seats will be allocated to Y6 audience members; we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thursday 20th July: Non School Uniform – Sporty Fun Day!

The Friends of St Mary's will be collecting £1 donations in cash at the school gate. On this day, the children will take part in the following activities:

- Reception: Games and picnic in the park. Please see Miss Christou's email.
- Year 1-5: Outdoor games at school
- Year 6: Games and pizza in the park. Please see Mrs Harris' email.
- The afternoon will be a DVD in school for the children.

All children will need to come dressed in fun sportswear and should wear trainers.

Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church: 9.30am on Friday 21st July

- Families of Year 6 are invited to come along for their final service. Please sit upstairs, in the gallery where you will have a good view of Year 6.
- At the service, you will hear Year 6's final memories and prayers as they embark on the next stage of their learning journey.
- After the service, Year 6 families are invited to the front of the church for photo opportunities.
- The service will last for approximately 1 hour.
- Bring tissues!
- On return to school, the class may want to collect autographs. The tradition is that that they bring an autograph book or dress/shirt to be autographed. Please ensure if they want to do this, that they have your permission! They may use water based felt tips or pens, but please not Sharpies which are indelible.



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Class teams for the new academic year:

We have now confirmed class teams comprising of teachers and teaching assistants for the coming year. Last week, we were able to successfully appoint an additional teaching assistant to join our team. We are still finalising the recruitment process and look forward to welcoming them.



Building works over the summer holiday:

There will soon be scaffolding going up in order for the pitched roof on the infant side of the building to be replaced over the summer. We have been able to secure a grant from the diocese to make this possible and the parental voluntary donations that we collect as a Voluntary Aided School will also go towards this work. Thank you for your help with helping to fund this project.

Food Bank Aid:

A huge thank you for your donations that were collected last week by Food Bank Aid. 85 bags of generosity will make a huge difference to the lives of so many families over the summer break.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. **TESCO**

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED... M&S and Farmhouse Inns

Summer Fayre and our fundraising:

The Summer Fayre was a huge success and has enabled us to finally replace the last few interactive whiteboards in classrooms! These will be replaced in the summer break ready for the start of the new year.

Thank you!

Places to eat for free or for £1 over the summer holiday



Key dates for next week:

- Y5 and 6 end of year production: Wednesday 19th July at 7pm
- Non uniform, fun day in school: Thursday 20th July (children come in sporty non uniform). Please donate a pound!
- Leavers' service: Friday 21st July
- BREAK UP @3PM Friday 21st July

Looking ahead to dates next term:

- INSET day: Monday 4th September
- Children back to school: Tuesday 5th September
- On Sunday 10th September: St Mary's church service to mark the start of the new academic year on Education Sunday. There will be a special blessing at this service for school bags, pencil cases, coffee cups... whatever students, staff and parents need to flourish during the academic year!

A final thank you from me...

This has been a year of many successes, including our very positive Ofsted inspection in March.

The pupils here at St. Mary's never fail to impress; every day, and on all school trips and experiences this year, visitors, members of the public and external staff facilitating workshops always comment on how well the children listen, engage and behave.



The children work hard; they demonstrate great curiosity and eagerness, and they always respond to challenges, whether that's in class or during collective worship. What really shines through is the love they have for one another and for the world around them; they demonstrate genuine care for all of God's creation.

This year, we have supported the work of food banks, Homeless Action in Barnet, the Disasters Emergency Committee, the NSPCC, the Children's Society, Show Racism the Red Card, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Cancer Research UK, Save the Children and UCLH Cancer Care to name but a few charities.

As I come to the end of my first year as sole headteacher, I look back with great pride at who we are as a school community; the way that at times of great joy and great sadness, this school family unites to celebrate and support at just the right times. **This** is what makes St. Mary's school a unique and very special place. A place built upon and inspired by Christian values. A place that I am proud to lead.

From all of us at St Mary's School, stay safe, stay well and our love and prayers are with you as always. Maria Constantinou

