



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the
world and live
as Jesus lived.



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the summer break. We are pleased to see that children have come back to school ready to learn and have been working hard this week. We look forward to your continued support with this. A reminder that Academic Review Day is taking place for Y1-Y6 parents and pupils on Friday 16th September. Nursery and Reception children do not come to school on that day. Please confirm your appointments with the office to meet your child's teacher at Academic Review Day. Appointment letters were sent home this week.

With best wishes, Miss Mitchell (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

Back to school...



Learning at home...

At St Mary's children take reading books home every week in order to develop a love of reading and to improve their reading fluency.

This week all children have taken home a 'sharing book'. This is a book that children have chosen from the class library. The 'sharing book' may be a little bit tricky for your child to read by themselves and is designed to be shared with an adult.



Children will also take home independent reading books every week. These are books that children are able to read by themselves. Teachers are currently carrying out assessments to make sure that these books are at the right level for each child. All children will take home independent reading books by the end of next week.

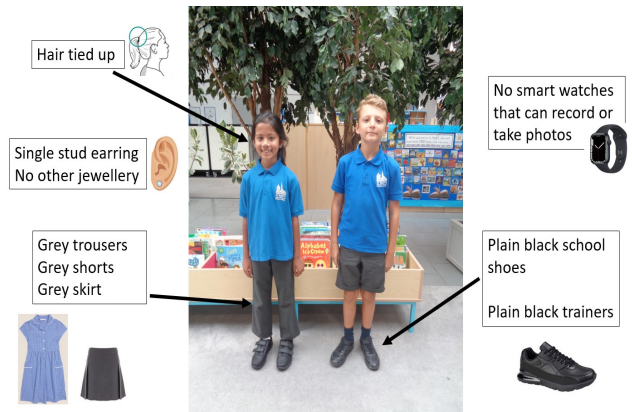
Please do listen to your child read and support them to sound out their words if they get stuck. Ask them questions too to check that they have understood what they have read. Please initial and date the book titles in your child's reading record. Please do make an appointment to meet with the class teacher if you would like to discuss your child's reading.

Children in Y3-Y6 have been set homework on [Google Classroom](#) this week. The purpose of the homework is for children to further practise what they have been learning in the classroom so that children become more confident and fluent. Year 1 children will begin homework from next week.



School uniform...

It's a good opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to check that your child has the correct uniform. The children at St Mary's always look very smart. Have a look on the school website to order school uniform and PE uniform or speak to the office if you have any queries.



School lunches

A reminder that if your child is now in Year 3, they will no longer automatically receive free school lunches.

If you have applied for and are eligible for free school lunches then you will continue to receive them for free. If you are not eligible, you will be charged for the cost of a school lunch, which is £2.29 per meal.

Check with the school office if you are not sure whether you will be charged. You can apply for free school lunches by searching for '[Camden free school meals](#)'.



Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :) Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

Important dates for your diary.....

Monday 12th September at 2.30pm– Start of Year Service at St Mary's Church– Y1– Y6 children– parents welcome.

Wednesday 14th September– 9.05am- Friends of St Mary's meeting

Friday 16th September– Y1-Y6 Academic Review Day (no school for Nursery or Reception class)

Monday 19th September– After school enrichment clubs start this week

Monday 19th September– Parents working alongside children in Y6– invitation letters will go out next week

Monday 26th September– Parents working alongside children in Y3– invitation letters will be sent out soon.

Camden Parent and Carer Counselling Service...

Are you stressed or worried and need someone to talk to?



Life is complicated and sometimes feels like an uphill struggle. Talking with a counsellor can help untangle thoughts and feelings.

- The parent and carer counselling service is FREE
- Counselling sessions are confidential
- Counselling takes place in schools and children's centres

If you would like support, contact Camden Parent and Carer Counselling Service:

Telephone: 0207 974 6500
Email: pccs@camden.gov.uk



Person of the Week!

(from the last week of Summer Term)

Reception - Constance
Year 1 - Mia
Year 2 - Mariam
Year 3 - Finley
Year 4 - Gellila
Year 5 - Layla

Friends of St Mary's...

After a hugely successful Family BBQ in the Summer Term, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Friday 14th October**.



We will be holding our first **Friends of St Mary's** meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th September at 9.05am** in the school hall so that we can start planning for this event.

We will then have another meeting before the Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Wednesday 5th October at 9.05am**.

We look forward to seeing any parents who would like to help at the meetings!

Invitation for parents of children in Year 5 or Year 6 ...

The **Moving On to Secondary School** event is Arlington House, Camden Town, on Wednesday 28 September, from 4pm to 6.30pm.



- Find out more about what Camden Secondary Schools have to offer

- Receive advice on how to apply and the admissions process from the Camden Admissions Team.

- Speak with head teachers, student ambassadors and staff from each of the Camden Secondary Schools.

Please register for your free ticket at www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for *Camden Moving on 2022*.

Year 5 parents, it's a good idea to start thinking about your choices too :)

After school childcare...

PACE at Fortune Green will provide after school childcare for parents again from September and will collect children from school. Go to www.paceforall.com/fortune-green for more information.



A reminder that St Mary's after school enrichment clubs start on **Monday 19th September**. **There are no after school enrichment clubs next week.**

Our prayer of the week...

Dear God,
I am very grateful for my school and my teachers.
However, I ask for help from you.
Please guide me throughout the year and help me make the right choices.
I also pray I will be able to follow the Golden Rules, work hard and listen to my teacher.
Amen



Aya– Year 5