



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 32 – 19/07/2021



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This term's Christian Value is Truthfulness:

'Tell the truth to each other' Zechariah 8.16

Message from the headteacher:

I would like to voice a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all staff for their outstanding work this school year and since the Covid 19 crisis began. The teachers, support staff, office team, SMSAs, caretaker, kitchen team and school helpers have kept the school running every day and are inspirational in their dedication to the wellbeing, safety and educational progress of each and every child.

Our school community, whilst being challenged as we have never experienced before, has also developed and flourished, by working in new and exciting ways in order for the very best outcomes to be achieved. We would like to extend huge congratulations to the children who have responded so positively to new ways of learning and have demonstrated determination to maintain their success and development. Thanks must also be extended to parents and carers who have shown their support for our school team and their children.

Every member of the school plays a vital part in our vision to provide the very best for all.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting and successful year. **CL**

Diary Dates

July

20th Staggered End of Term for pupils

September

2nd /3rd INSET Days 1+2 (staff only)
6th Return to school for all pupils



Parent Pay

As you are aware through previous communications and letters, we are utilising Parent Pay from September to process our school dinners AND, in future, to arrange payments and permissions for School Trips. This change is in response to discussions with parents who rightly pointed out that ordering meals on a weekly pattern for a three weekly menu was difficult to manage. Furthermore, we are hopeful that in the long run this development will also save administration time for staff in the school office.

Parent Pay was chosen as it will provide a 'one-stop-shop' for a cashless office – in time. It is used by our local secondary schools so once again to support parents not having to navigate two systems, accounts can be joined for pupils at St Mary's and pupils in a local Secondary schools; allowing all payments to be seen and organised from one place.

I am VERY pleased to note that since the 'launch' last week over 30 families have signed up and made a personal account on Parent Pay. Thank you! Many parents have let me know that the process is simple and straightforward. However, if for any reason, you are struggling to activate the account (and it may be a hiccup on our system) please let the office know as we have parents on standby who have offered a 'distanced' trouble shooting session to help.

From September all meals will need to be ordered from Parent Pay. In order to give the kitchen accurate numbers for the following week (for ordering ingredients and preparing the meals) the cut off for ordering meals will be midnight on each Wednesday for the following week. Numbers will be sent to the kitchens early Thursday morning.

So for meals commencing Monday 6th September, please order by midnight on 1st September, 2021.

Meals can be adjusted up to 9:30am for any absent children so it will be crucially important to let us know each day if your child is away from school.



School meals during the Summer holidays

During the summer holidays the Local Authority, B&NES, will be issuing vouchers for supermarkets to those parents/carers of pupils entitled to FSM. An email has been sent to all eligible parents/carers along with the letter from B&NES giving further details so please make sure you check your inboxes.

End of Term arrangements

At the end of every 'big term' (Christmas, Easter and in the Summer) school traditionally finishes a little bit earlier for children. We would like the Year 6 to be able to say (a socially distanced) good-bye to the rest of the school and have therefore changed the time that they leave school allowing them to go first. Please see timings below for our staggered finish for the last day of term on 20th July 21:

Class 6 – 2.00pm (please note the change of time)

Class 1 - 2.05pm
Class 2 - 2.05pm
Class 3 – 2.15pm
Class 4 – 2.15pm
Class 5 – 2.25pm
Class LO – 2.30pm
Nursery – 2.30pm

Music Lessons

We will be booking music lessons tomorrow to start in September. Usually we have over 15 children learning guitar at St Mary's with Mark McGlennon. Please let us now today if you would like your son or daughter to learn an instrument. As a guide (and it does depend on take-up) music lessons cost around £4.50 a week. Other instrument teaching is available should we have enough numbers.

Film night

Parents are welcome to a refund for the postponed film night. Alternatively, we can retain it in school for the event, which we are hoping to be able to run in the Autumn Term. Should you require a refund, please either phone or email the school office: office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk and we will send it home with your child.



Happy 60th Birthday, Mrs Timperley. 60 years young today!
The children all surprised her with a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday and gifts were presented from all the staff at St Mary's.





COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN WITH US!

FACE PAINTING, GLITTER TATTOOS

HOOK A DUCK
BOUNCY CASTLE

BOUNCY SLIDE

WRITHLINGTON FAMILY FUN DAY

AUGUST 22ND @ 10am - 4pm

@ THE VILLAGE HALL

SO MUCH MORE !!!!!

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