



St. Mary's C.E. School, Putney

Year 6 Half Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn 1, September 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and welcome to Year 6!

Year 6 is a challenging year and we work hard to ensure that all the children have the best opportunity possible to achieve their full potential. At the same time, we try our best to have fun along the way and provide all the children with some lovely lasting memories. As your child embarks on their final year at primary school, we would like to take this opportunity to wish them a successful and positive year ahead.

We would like to invite you all to a virtual 'Y6 Meet the Teacher' meeting via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 16 September at 6pm. We are sure you have many questions about the year ahead that we hope to answer for you as early on as possible! More information to follow shortly.

The Year 6 Team

Our Year 6 team this year is:

Mrs Amanda Bishop - Class Teacher (Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday)

Mrs Courtney Rinaldi - Class Teacher (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

Miss Claire Overton - Teaching Assistant (mornings only)

Mrs Adams - Specialist Art and Design teacher

Mrs Le Prevost - Specialist Music Teacher

Coach V - PE Coach

Coronavirus Pandemic

The school continues to follow guidance from the Department for Education and at this present time we can return to a more 'normal' school life akin to prior the pandemic. This will no doubt be of great happiness, and we pray that any disruptions to education will be minimal. The school has updated its COVID-19 Risk Assessment to reflect the current guidance and this can be viewed on our school website here:

<http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding the children at St. Mary's is the responsibility of all staff, parents and professionals who come on site. If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is:

kdunford.212@lgflmail.org.

If there are safeguarding concerns, which take place outside of school hours please contact the Wandsworth Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Their contact details are: Telephone: 020 8871 6622 or e-mail: MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk.

The Curriculum

We would normally outline the planned curriculum intent for the half term in this newsletter. However, there are now clear statements on the school website, which lay out what curriculum content will be taught in each year group across the year.

To view the Year 6 curriculum intent please see the Year 6 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will be following the content outlined in the autumn term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the St. Mary's PE kit. If your child takes part in a school sports club before or after school on a **non-PE** day, they are required to change i.e. sports club before school then bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to get changed into.

Home Learning

In Year 6, all children will be given three sets of home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths/English/Guided Reading. As the year progresses and the children settle, we will be adding to this.

We advise our children to spend no more than 40 minutes on each piece of main home learning and to let us know whether they found it too complicated or too easy at the end of the assignment. We expect all of our Year 6 children to complete their home learning independently but it would be beneficial for them to have it checked over for accurate punctuation, accurate calculations and neatness before it is handed in.

Please comment if you have had to help significantly.

Home learning is structured as followed:

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in remotely the following Wednesday.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely the following Wednesday
Guided Reading: Reading and task to be completed
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday Independent Reading: Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday 100 Club sheets have been sent to parents to use at home to aid fluency and speed!
Home learning will not be set during holidays

Year 6 Wandsworth Test

The Wandsworth Year 6 admissions test will take place on **Thursday 23 September 2021**. As well as being a way of assessing the ability of all year 6 pupils, the test has been designed to provide Wandsworth secondary schools with the information they need before offering places.

If your child has an EHCP, they do not have to take the test.

There will be no need to register for the test in advance of making an application. As St. Mary's is a state primary school in Wandsworth, your child will take the test at school. Results will be sent to parents when we receive them.

Secondary Transfer

Miss Payne sent you detailed information regarding Secondary Transfer at the end of last term. Please contact us if you have any further questions or need support with this process. We continue to send home (via Parentmail) any relevant information sent to us by Secondary Schools - please keep an eye out for this in your inbox!

A reminder that Wandsworth are no longer distributing hard copies of the 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' brochure to schools for the pupils in Year 6 classes. The brochure and accompanying application forms are all available to download and view on the following website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions. Further information has been sent to you via Parentmail.

If you are applying to schools that require references, please could you let Mrs Bishop know as soon as possible so we are prepared for when the request is made to the school.

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or perhaps to inform us of other matters relating to your child, then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 6 team. As always, the best way to do this is through the use of your child's PACT. The PACT e-mail is a great tool for communication between home and school, so please do not hesitate in using it. The address is Class2015@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Keep in the loop with social media

The school actively uses two social media platforms to communicate school news and events, so please check them out and follow us:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PutneySMPS/>

We are delighted to be teaching Year 6 and look forward to a very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Bishop
Mrs Rinaldi
Miss Overton
(Year 6 Team)