



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

**Year 6: Half-Termly Letter to Parents**

**Spring 1 January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2024! Thank you once again for all your good wishes at the end of last term and we trust you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday.

The children will continue mastering their skills in the curriculum so it is important that they settle back quickly into the routines of school life. We are sure that some of the children will continue to be taking entry tests and sitting interviews for secondary schools and we wish them good luck, but would also like to encourage all children to keep up with their class learning, producing great quality work and maintaining routines at this busy time. All of our Y6 children will need to continue their goal of stepping up and working hard to reach their targets and beyond!



The Curriculum

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 Spring Term.

PE Arrangements

PE lessons continue to 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 home learning tasks to complete each week - Math's SATS Revision Test/ English Comprehension/Guided Reading.

We advise 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
<b>Math's Revision Paper:</b> Set on Friday to be handed in on Wednesday
<b>English Comprehension Task:</b> Set on Friday to be handed in on Wednesday
<b>Guided Reading:</b> Reading and task to be completed
<b>Spellings:</b> Spelling Cards given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday <b>Independent Reading:</b> Daily for at least 30 minutes each evening
<b>Times Tables:</b> Tested on Friday 100 Club sheets have been sent to parents to use at home to aid fluency and speed!
<b>Home learning will not be set during holidays</b>

#### School Journey Residential Trip

Year 6 will attend their school journey trip to Sayers Croft from Tuesday 30th January to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A parent information meeting about Sayers Croft will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in the school hall. This will be very similar to last year's meeting which many of you attended in Y5 but please do come and be updated on what we have in store for the class now they are in Y6!

#### Secondary School's National Offer Day

Just a reminder that if you applied online for a state secondary school you will have been emailed the outcome of your application on the evening of **1 March 2024** from the London eAdmissions Team. You will also have been sent a follow-up notification email from Wandsworth Council if it has not been possible to offer your first preference school. This will provide detailed information about the outcome of your application and what to do next.

If you applied on a paper form and provided an email address you will have been emailed the outcome of your application on the evening of **1 March 2024**. Otherwise, you will have been sent a notification outcome letter by first class mail on **1 March 2024**.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk).

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Spring 1 Term

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Celebration Worship @9.15am in the School Hall

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Volunteer Parent Induction - please contact the office if you would like to attend

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Sayers Croft Meeting @ 6pm in the School Hall

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices Concert @ 02 Arena (KS2 Choir)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Eucharist @St. Mary's Church - all welcome

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Sayers Croft Residential

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Celebration Worship @ 9.15 am in the School Hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of Spring 1

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Start of Spring 2 Term

### 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 using your child's PACT e-mail. 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 [Class2016@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2016@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 look forward to another very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Bishop & Mrs Rinaldi

