



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

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday.

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you for the incredibly generous contributions to the Cycle Everest event at the end of last term. It was such a wonderful day with a great atmosphere. Furthermore, I was so proud that the Year 5 children wrote such a persuasive letter that procured such a generous contribution to the very worthy cause! Well done Year 5!

Sayers Croft seems a distant memory but I wanted to take this opportunity to say what excellent feedback I received about Year 5. The children behaved so well and seemed to have such fun. They were a credit to the school. I hope they learned a lot to prepare them for the longer stay in Year 6!

Throughout Spring 1, the children's growing maturity was so evident within their both learning and conduct around the school. They are definitely growing up and becoming more and more ready for Year 6! May they continue to flourish as the year goes on.

Although it is only the beginning of the Spring term, the children have already been hard at work. This week, our classroom has transformed into a publishing house, with everyone busy at work planning, drafting, proofreading and editing their very own myths! I have been so enjoying reading every single one! The children have worked so hard and invented such creative plot lines. Some of them have even taken their English books home, or stayed in during break time in order to get them finished.

With another term of hard work ahead, I can't wait to get stuck in.

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).

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Upper Key Stage Two programme of study.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 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

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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
<b>Maths:</b> Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
<b>English:</b> Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely on Wednesday
<b>Spellings:</b> Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
<b>Reading:</b> Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening
<b>Times Tables:</b> Tested on Friday
<b>Home learning will not be set during holidays</b>

### Diary dates

Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 2  
Wednesday 21st February 2024 - KS2 Eucharist at St. Mary's Church  
Friday 23rd February 2024 - Anti-Bullying Day 2  
Friday 8th March 2024 at 9.45am - Mothering Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church  
Tuesday 12th March 2024 - KS2 Spring Concert at 5:00pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Progress in Learning Meetings  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5pm - FoSMS Disco  
Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2:30pm - End of Spring Term 2

### 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 5 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: [Class2018@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2018@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/>

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead!

Kindest regards,  
Ms Hesketh