



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Year 6: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 2, February 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term- we are looking forward to another busy and productive six weeks!

Sayers Croft seems a distant memory but we wanted to take this opportunity to say what a delight it was to take the class this year - they really were a credit to themselves and the school! We all had lots of fun and created some fantastic memories.

National Secondary School Offer Day is coming up on 1st March.

During the evening of Friday 1 March (after 5pm), you will be sent an email with the outcome of your application if you applied using the e-admissions system. Please wait until you have received the email before logging on to the Pan London eAdmissions website. If you have the ParentComms app on your phone or tablet the outcome of your application will also be sent to you via the app.

Please may we ask that both parents and children are thoughtful at this time and are sensitive to news on secondary school places - the reality is that some children will not get their preferred school and might feel disappointed. We are sure the St. Mary's supportive ethos and community spirit will be evident at this emotional time.

Remember it is your child's last year at primary school and we want all of our Y6 children to enthusiastically participate in school events and build on their friendships and memories of their time at St. Mary's. As always, we are here to support your child with transition to secondary school, and the Summer Term is the perfect time for this, but until then it is important for Y6 to focus on the school's curriculum and the preparation required for the Key Stage 2 National Tests (SATs) later on in May.

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

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 with one change, in English however we will continue our focus text on 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday as we really need to continue to develop our creative writing skills.

Enrichment

We have lots to look forward to in terms of enriching our Y6 curriculum this half term.

KS2 Eucharist at St. Mary's Church - Wednesday 21st February

Anti-Bullying Day Friday 23rd February

Celebration Worship Friday 1st March

Y6 Swimming Assessment @ Putney Leisure Centre Monday 4th March

Mother's Service - Friday 8th March at St. Mary's Church

Spring Concert - Tuesday 12th March 5pm in the Hall

Progress in Learning Meetings 13th/14th March - more information to follow shortly

Comic Relief Friday 15th March

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 5pm - FoSMS Disco

Last day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March 2.30pm

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

This half term in preparation for SATs in May, all children will be given two home learning tasks to complete each week - Maths Reasoning Paper/ English Short Writing Task

The Maths Reasoning Paper is a past SATS paper that the children should try to do independently - we will be marking together in class and going over any misconceptions.

The writing task must be **drafted, edited and then presented neatly**. The children are used to this process in class and we look forward to some outstanding work!

A tick sheet will be attached with expectations - the children have been taught how they can use this to support and develop their writing. Please encourage the best possible standard!

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
Math's Reasoning Paper : Set on Friday to be handed in on Wednesday
English Short Writing Task : Set on Friday to be handed in on Wednesday - This must be completed in handwriting on the lined paper sent home with the task
Guided Reading : Reading and task to be completed
Spellings : Spelling Cards 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

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 Class2017@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Progress in Learning Meetings

Please look out for information regarding Spring Term Progress in Learning Meetings to be held on 13th and 14th March. These will be held in person and there will be an opportunity to view your child's work prior to the meeting. We look forward to updating you on progress made in Y6 prior to the SATS in May and transition to secondary school.

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/>

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you for the outstanding support you gave us last half term with our Cycle to Everest Challenge - we are so grateful for the extremely generous sponsorship from family and friends - THANK YOU!

We look forward to another very busy and productive half term ahead.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Bishop
Mrs Rinaldi
(Year 6 Team)