



## St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Putney

*Vision: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish*

*Mission: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian faith*

*Values: Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness*

### Year 2: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 2, November 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term.

We are very pleased with the children's success in settling into their new class and managing the expectations of Year 2.

The class have certainly become more independent with their organisational skills and attitude towards learning.

The second part of the term is always full of lots to look forward to as we approach the holidays; including working together on our Christmas Nativity to which you are all invited - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St. Mary's Church.

What an exciting half term ahead for Year 2!

#### The Curriculum

To view the Year 2 curriculum intent please see the Year 2 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will continue to follow the content outlined in the Autumn Term.

#### 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 Miss Cheryl Payne. Her contact email is:

[dsl@st-marys-school.putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@st-marys-school.putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)

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).

#### PE Arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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 please bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to be changed into.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S PE KIT (AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR - TRAINERS FOR OUTDOORS) IS IN SCHOOL ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - LABELLED CLEARLY.**



## Home Learning Arrangements

There will be weekly home learning as follows:

<b>Home Learning</b>
All home learning is set on <b>Friday</b> to be returned/completed by the following <b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Maths:</b> Children to complete assigned online tasks on Mathletics
<b>Dictation:</b> Dictation covers the spelling pattern from the previous week to check that your child can recall the spelling rule and not just rote learn for the test. The due dates are written on the cards to help you! The dictation helps us to see what your child has been able to retain and what we might need to go over again so please do not let your child see the card before writing and please <b>DO</b> leave in any mistakes that your child might make.
<b>Handwriting:</b> Handwriting reinforcement is to be completed using the Letter Join online program ( <b>login: lj9376 password: home</b> ). As the children have very different needs with regard to handwriting, I recommend you go into the Year 2 folder and choose an appropriate letter pattern each week, to suit your child's ability.
<b>Spellings:</b> Spelling are tested on Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their spelling card to school on a <b>Friday</b> so that we can mark down their score for you to see how they did and what they might need to work on.
<b>Reading:</b> We expect that children will read aloud every night for <u>at least 10 minutes</u> . Inside the front and back covers of the books, there are useful questions to ask your child to probe their understanding of the text. Please refer to these before, during and after reading together. Reading folders should be brought into school <u>every day</u> in order to enable us to read with your child at school as well. Every week, all children will read with an adult (whether the class teacher, teaching assistant or a volunteer) either during a guided reading session or individually (depending on your child's reading needs). All children will read with the class teacher every other week during a guided reading session. Reading books are changed on a <b>Wednesday evening</b> . We will keep reading folders overnight on a Wednesday and they will be returned home every <b>Thursday</b> after book change. Please ensure that you write in the Reading Record when your child needs new books, otherwise they will not be changed! Books are changed, if requested, on <b>WEDNESDAYS ONLY</b> . We cannot guarantee that books can be changed after this. Any other comments or feedback regarding your child's reading is always welcome via the online PACT book.
<b>Home learning will not be set during holidays</b>

### Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine, what your child is learning, or perhaps you need to inform us of other matters relating to your child please do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 2 team. As always, the best way to do this is using your child's PACT email. 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:

[Class2022@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:Class2022@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk)



## Diary Dates

### Progress in Learning Meetings

Your child's 'Progress in Learning' meeting (parent-teacher consultation) will take place either on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. More information to follow shortly. These meetings will take place in school. **Please note that these are a week later than the rest of the school to enable Mrs Bishop to support these discussions with the class teacher.**

### Other Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Individual Pupil Photographs

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - FOSMS Quiz Night

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - SEND Coffee Morning 9.15am in School Hall

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Day 1 Odd Socks Day - all children to wear odd socks to school

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Celebration Worship - all welcome

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - FoSMS Christmas Movie Night (at St. Mary's Church)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Pantomime - Dick Whittington

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Y2 Progress In Learning Meetings

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December EYFS/KS1 Nativity at St. Mary's Church

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of Term - Finish 2.30pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 8.45am - Start of Spring Term 1

### 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/>

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any concerns, please use the PACT e-mail to let us know.

Wishing you all the best for the half term ahead.

Kindest regards

Year Two Team