



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 3: Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring Term 1, January 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! The holiday has passed by quickly, nevertheless, we are raring to go here at St. Mary's and it has been lovely welcoming the children back to school.

At the start of this new term I will be encouraging the children to reflect on the opportunities their learning offers them, particularly towards developing their understanding of the world. Our Year 3 curriculum has been designed to create a culture of wonder, and alongside our maths and English lessons, some of the class topics to be enjoyed this half term include forces and magnets in Science, Shang Dynasty in History and exploring our 'Dreams and Goals' in PSHE. All very exciting!



The curriculum

To view the Year 3 curriculum intent please see the Year 3 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.

The Year 3 team

Our Year 3 teaching and learning team will be Ms. White and Ms. Donlon; On Mondays, the class will also be taught by specialist staff: Mrs Bosley for art and design, Ms Fenner for music and Mr. Phillips for PE. On a Thursday, Ms. White take the class for a second PE session. On Wednesdays, the Wandsworth Music Service, led by Mrs Salter, will teach the children how to play the recorder and Madame Claudine will teach French.

Swimming

Advanced notice that swimming lessons begin for Year 3 after half term. These lessons will take place at Putney Leisure Centre and are funded by FoSMS. Each session will take place on a Thursday and will begin at 9am and so we will be asking families to take their children in Year 3 straight to Putney Leisure Centre for registration at 8.50am. A letter with further details, arrangements and dates will be sent home in due course.

PE arrangements

PE lessons will continue to take place every **Monday** 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 get changed into.

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

Home Learning Arrangements

- **Spellings:** Spelling cards will be shared at the start of each half term showing each week's spellings to learn. A copy will be given to each child to go between home and school. These weekly spellings will typically be set on Monday and tested in school on Friday.
- **Times Tables:** Please practice regularly - in Year 3 children will be required to learn times tables facts up to 12x12. A times tables practice booklet will be given to each child to go between home and school and will focus on one set of times tables at a time - starting with the 2x tables. The booklet will also include related division facts. When reading each multiplication fact, children should say the larger multiplicand/multiplier first, for example, the fact $2 \times 5 = 10$ should be read as five twos are ten.
- **Reading:** Daily - to be listened to by an adult for at least 20 minutes each morning or evening - if possible. Children should read their book borrowed from the class book corner or school library. Pages completed, along with any comments, should be written in your child's Reading Record Book and signed off by parent/carer. Once a book is finished your child is encouraged to complete a book review and return it to get a book changed.
- **Maths:** Most maths home learning will link with the work done in class as well as a couple of reasoning and problem solving questions. This should take on average 30 minutes.
- **English:** Set on Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most English home learning will link with developing writing, such as creative and descriptive writing, acrostic poems, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary tasks. This should take on average 30 minutes.

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

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.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January at 8.50am - Start of Spring Term 1

Monday 12th January - Spring Term clubs start

Friday 16th January - Year 6 Cake Sale

Tuesday 20th January - Volunteer Induction Evening at 6pm

Friday 23rd January - Year 5 Cake Sale

Monday 26th - 30th January - Sayers Croft Week

Friday 30th January - Celebration Worship

Friday 30th January - Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 5th February - DT Day 3

Friday 5th February - Year 3 Cake Sale

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - FOSMS Quiz Night

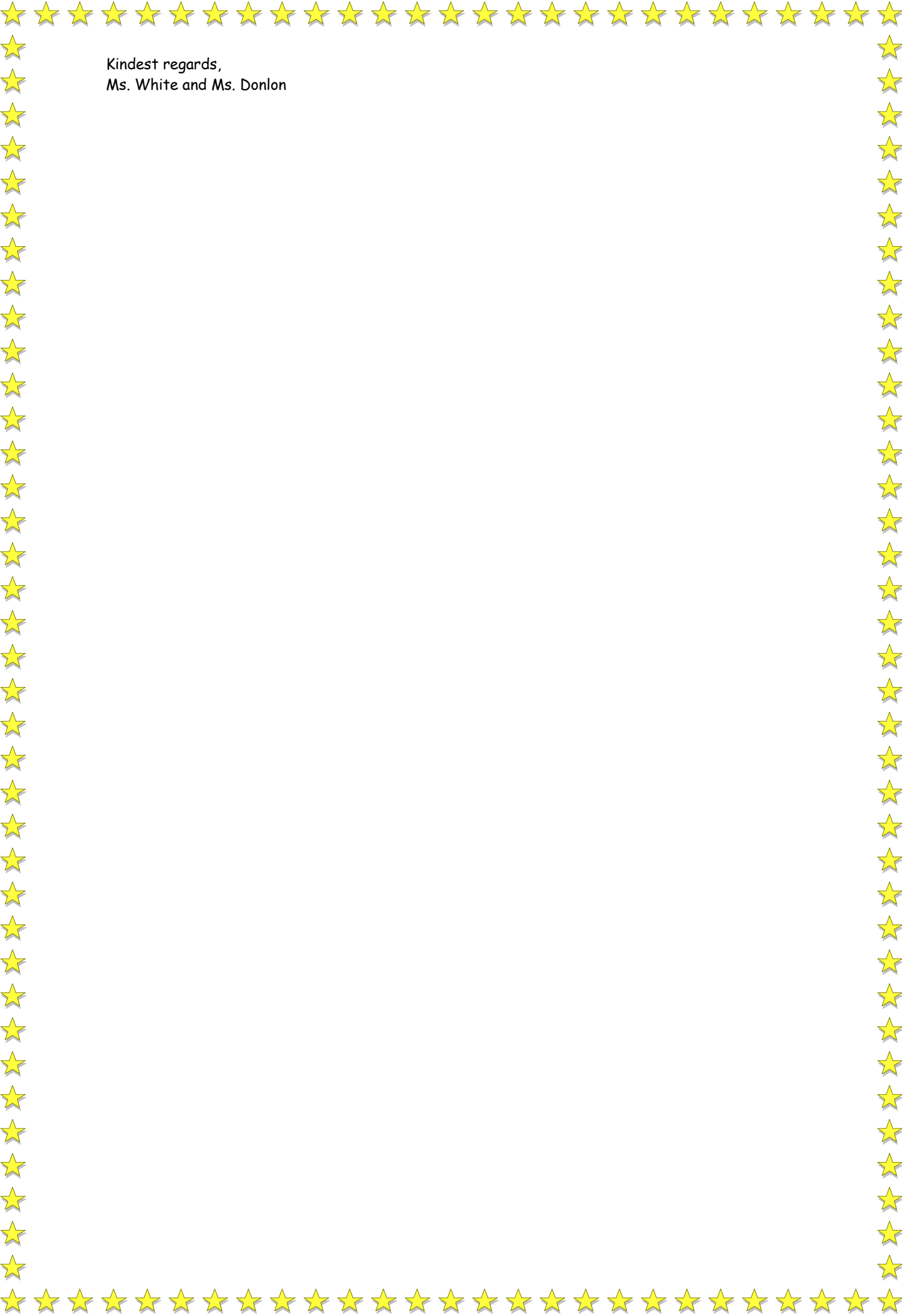
Friday 13th February - Anti-Bullying Day 2

Friday 13th February - Year 2 Cake Sale

Friday 13th February - Last Day of 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 3 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: Class2022@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk



Kindest regards,
Ms. White and Ms. Donlon