

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 25th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

The Sun has finally appeared, and the light mornings and evenings felt like a long time coming. It has been lovely to take advantage of the warmer weather this week and have all of our children on the field and enjoying the fantastic space we have to offer at St Mary's. This week, we reintroduced our singing assemblies on Monday, and it was fantastic to be in the hall, learning a range of different songs that we can sing, celebrate and share together. For me, assemblies are one of the most important parts of the school day and it allows us an opportunity to join together as a school, something missing so sorely in the last two years.

This week, we had teachers from others school within the Trust come to look at our writing in Year 1 and 5. They are incredibly impressed with the high expectations, the quality of vocabulary and the progress our children have made in such a short time this year. It is lovely to be able to share the brilliant working going on within our classrooms with our teachers and schools and I am incredibly proud of the curriculum we are developing and providing for the children of St Mary's.

Can I just remind parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, that your child is entitled to a free school meal every single day. We have a fantastic range of options that work on a 3-week cycle. It is lovely seeing more and more children trying different foods we have available.

Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leaders at St Mary's:

- Mr Spencer
- Mr White
- Mrs Brook
- Mrs Goodyear
- Miss Gulliver

Our Safeguarding Governor is Lynn Greenfield.

Safeguarding Message:

We have had a number of issues in school with children accessing inappropriate content on Tiktok. The must stress the importance of monitoring these social media apps with our children.

School Aims and Values:

Our school aim:

'Every Child Flourishing'

Our aim at St Mary's is for every child to flourish. We strive to create the conditions for staff flourishing, for family flourishing and for community flourishing so that the children of St Mary's are well rounded with individual areas of expertise and choices open to them for the next phase of their education.

Our school core expectations:

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Parent/Carer Consultations

We are really excited to share everything with you during our parent/carers consultations next week. Our staff have worked tirelessly, through the most difficult times in school I have ever experienced, to ensure the provision and support in school for our children remains the best we can possibly offer. We will continue to update you regarding the 'whole child' and after taking on board comments from autumn term, we will be introducing a mid-year report that ensures clear communication regarding the academic progress of your child.

Film Night

A huge thank you to our PTA volunteers, Miss Gulliver, Miss Murray and Mrs Ellam for their wonderful planning and supervision of our very successful film night on Monday. The chants of 'Encanto' echoing through the school corridors at 3.15pm made it very clear the children were extremely excited for the evening ahead. For staff and volunteers to take time out of their own evenings, away from their own families to put these events on, continues to show the wonderful commitment in ensuring these special events are part of everything we do at St Mary's and to such huge success too.

Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the book fair will be in school the week commencing April 4th. Books will be available to purchase from the hall each day that week straight after school. Entry to the hall will be via the fire exit doors.

Speaking to staff

Please remember our protocol for speaking with staff. Our new morning and after school routines ensures staff are available on the doors to pass messages on, however, if you require a more in-depth 1:1 conversation, please ring the main reception to book in a meeting. We cannot, unfortunately, meet parents/carers if they just turn up at school. Our staff, primarily, are in class the majority of the time and we try to avoid disruption to our children's learning as much as possible. Booking in these meetings allows us the opportunity to put in the appropriate cover.

Twitter:

For more information and to see what we have been getting up to, please follow us on Twitter @stmarysbarnsley This is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in our school. We will be sharing the amazing events within school on here daily.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr White