

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 9th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We are delighted to have you all back in school and what a marvellous week it has been. A big hello to our new starters in Reception Class and the new starters we have throughout school.

A huge welcome to Mrs Gillott who has joined us to teach in Year 5 with Miss Ryan. Also, a huge welcome to the wonderful Mrs Race who will work with us to develop RE and collective worship across school this year. Mrs Race is the RE lead at Royston St Johns and has a great knowledge in this area of the curriculum. She will join us one day a week to develop this across school. We are also thrilled to congratulate Mrs Brook and Mrs Corner who are both pregnant. Both members of staff will be with us for the whole of autumn term. We have an experienced year one teacher, who I have worked with across at Royston St John's, to cover Mrs Brook's maternity cover. More information will be shared in due course.

As we get back into the swing of the school run, please be mindful of parking around the school. Many of our families do walk to school and we continue to encourage as many of you as possible to do this. Also, as we start a new year, it is important to remember our values as a community. We want all our children and families to work together to achieve continued success.

At the start of this year, our staff have spent some time reviewing our 'school priorities'. This outlines our priorities for the year ahead and helps guide leaders in the activities which are most important at St Mary's. We have invested lots of resources in reading over the summer and will be promoting ways to engage families with reading throughout the school year. Our parent/carer community is vital to the success of our school and the success of our children! Here's to what we are hoping will be a fabulous year here at St Mary's!

[Attendance Matters](#)

There is a link between good school attendance and high-level attainment. As well as missing lessons, arriving late at school can be very unsettling for children. Our gates will open between 8.50am-9.00am where the children will immediately begin their reading/phonics sessions. School has been operating on different timings, due to the pandemic, for the last couple of years with many members of working a voluntary 50 minutes a week. School is now reverting to the original St Mary's hours.

It is the parent/carers responsibility to report an absence and notify school if your child is not going to be attending and a reason must be provided.

[School Uniform and PE Kits](#)

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for how supportive you have been, backing our expectations around school uniform. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked coming into school. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will now get changed in school for PE. Pupils in KS2, Years 3 to 6, can continue to come to school in PE kits of PE days.

[School Lunches](#)

Please can you ensure all ParentPay lunch payments are paid and up to date.

Timetable:

Year Group	Day of the Week
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

Our PE timetable this year:

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. You can also follow your child's journey through our class Twitter pages too.

Special Mentions

We are delighted to welcome back parents to our Special mention assemblies. These will start next week. If your child has received a 'Gold Award', you will be informed via ParentPay.

Safeguarding

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

Please find our safeguarding policy on the school website. The purpose of this policy is to provide staff, volunteers and governors with the framework they need in order to keep children safe and secure in our school. The policy also informs parents and carers how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

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

Ms Steele

Mrs Brook

Mrs Goodyear

Sports Day

Due to the heat of last year, we had to postpone our sports day we had rearranged this for Friday 16th September. If the weather is dry and the field is safe to use, we will go ahead with holding sports day next Friday.

The entrance gates (near year 6) will be opened around 09:30am for you to join us, if you wish to watch Key Stage Two (years 3-6). We are aiming for a 10:00am start. Again, the entrance gates will be opened around 1:20pm for you to join us for the KS1 Sports Day. Obviously, the weather may dictate otherwise, if it is wet and unsafe then we will make an early decision to cancel so fingers crossed for a fine week. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome. This is for years 1-6. Reception children will not be taking part as this is a rearranged event from last summer.

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely

L.Spencer

Headteacher

R.Steele

Deputy Headteacher