

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 8th September 2023

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. We have had a wonderful week.

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. Please do not drive down the drive parking around school premises is only for staff. 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.

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. Attendance and lateness is high on our priorities this year. 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 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

All ParentPay Lunch accounts must be kept in credit, it is not a debt system. There has been a slight price increase and a school lunch is only £2.30.

Timetable:

Our PE timetable this year:

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

X formally known as Twitter:

For more information and to see what we have been getting up to, please follow us on X @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 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 text message please ensure you have downloaded the App and your mobile number is up to date, the school is unable to update mobile phone numbers on ParentPay it is the parents' responsibility.

Year 1 and Year 2 Courtyard

Thank you for your patience whilst the Courtyard was out of bounds, normal service resumes on Monday for drop offs and collections.

School Milk

Unfortunately, our current milk provider has entered Administration. The school is working hard to find a replacement provider and will update in due course.

Music Tuition

We now have places for our Barnsley Music Services Tuition for woodwind, brass and piano if you would like more information, please contact the school Office.

Flu Immunisations

Details have been sent to every parent/carer on ParentPay regarding Flu Immunisations. Please note you need to reply even if you do not consent for the vaccination. There are also posters in the classroom exit doors with the QR code to scan.

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
Miss Gulliver

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers of the age restrictions on using social media sites.

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely

L.Spencer
Headteacher

R.Steele
Deputy Headteacher

