

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

With half-term now upon us, this marks the mid-way point throughout the academic year. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are ever hopeful that life at St Mary's will gradually return to what it should be. Following the government's recent announcements about the full stepping down of Covid measures from the end of this month, it is therefore likely that should new Covid cases emerge within our community, the rules around what we are expected to do will change. Therefore, if anything of particular significance emerges over the half-term break and before we return to school next Monday, I will of course write to you and let you know.

Parent Consultations

This is to give you advance notification that parent consultations will take place the week beginning 7th March. These appointments will provide you with the opportunity to discuss the progress that your children are making at school this year. The school office will be in touch with you very soon after half-term to set the appointments up. We are hopeful that these meetings can once again take place face to face in school.

Sophie Plimley

Very sadly for us, but happily for her, Sophie Plimley, my personal assistant and clerk to the governors will be leaving us on 25th February. This is because Sophie has secured a new position working for Haringey Education Partnership and where I have no doubt she will do just as brilliant a job as she has done here at St Mary's.

Sophie has worked at St Mary's for 6 years, and following my start here in 2018, she was fundamental in helping to induct me into the life of St Mary's. She has also been fully involved in helping me and the governors to drive our school forward to ever greater success, and I and the rest of the staff and governing board will miss her greatly.

Sophie has also played a big part in many of your children's lives, be this through leading the allotment or netball clubs or by organising 'When I Grow Up', Easter Service 'Donkey' days or the Year 6 secondary transition events. She has managed much of the communications to families, collating the regular bi-weekly newsletters and also managed the development of the new school website. Over the past couple of years, Sophie has also been instrumental in helping keep our school abreast of all the changes Covid-wise and providing staff and parents alike with the most up to date guidance and advice. Thank you for everything Sophie – we will miss you!

Half term activity and food bank information

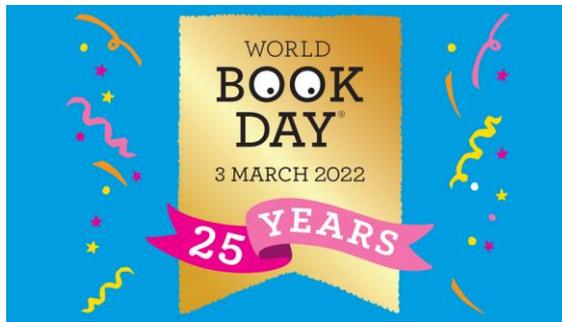
You will have received some information from the school office about half term activities around the borough – this information can also be found on the front page of the school website in the news section.

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Assemblies

Reminder of the upcoming assemblies for the next half term which are at 9.30am on the following days:

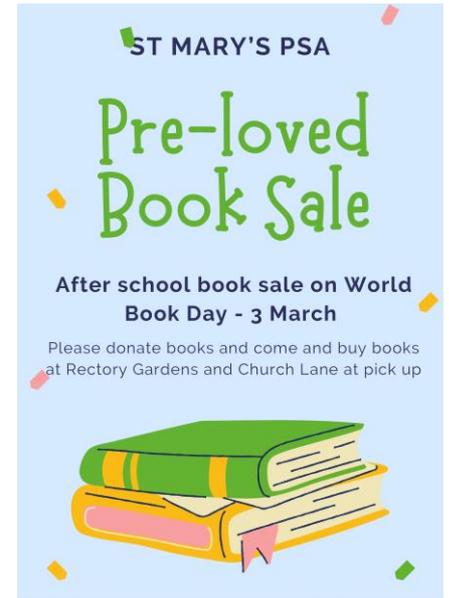
- Tuesday 22nd Feb – Reception (both classes combined)
- Tuesday 1st March – Year 1 Saffron Class
- Tuesday 8th March – Year 1 Tangerine Class
- Tuesday 22nd March – Year 2 Buttercup and Marigold (both classes combined)



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day!

- Children will be taking part in a D.E.A.R Day (Drop Everything & Read), so bring your favourite book to school and dress up as a character from a book!
- You can find information on World Book day on our website <https://stmarysn8.co.uk/world-book-day/> and we will post photos of any great World Book Day characters that come to school!
- The PSA are organizing a pre-loved book sale after school, at both sites, on 3rd March. Please donate any books that you no longer read or your children have grown out of. Book sales will be held in the playgrounds at both Church Lane and Rectory Gardens afterschool on 3rd March. Please bring your donations to either of the school offices from the 1st March onwards.



It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 21st February. Please do a lateral flow test on your Reception to Year 6 children before they return to school. Thank you.

With very warm regards,

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