

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we find ourselves at the end of the first half-term of this academic year. A half-term is a long time in the life of a school just as a week is in politics....so much happens!

We hope that you and your children have had an enjoyable and fulfilling start to this school year and we remain committed to further strengthening all that we are able to offer.

Stuart Goldberg Resignation

After 10 years as a Governor, Stuart Goldberg has stepped down as Chair of Governors (and as a Governor) and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and excellent leadership throughout his governorship at our school. Stuart has been replaced on an interim basis by Charlotte Adlam as Acting Chair.

Charlotte is a former parent, has been a governor for over six years and was already both Chair of the school's Curriculum & Achievement Committee and is also our SEND Link Governor. We welcome Charlotte to her new role and look forward to successfully working strategically alongside her.

A few things to mention about some of the changes for after half-term and which mainly affect Rectory Gardens:

Beginning of the School Day

Children will once again have a 'soft-start' to the school day and will be able to go straight into their classrooms in the mornings rather than lining up in the playground. School will continue to start at 8.30am for Years 5 & 6 children and at 8.45am for Years 3 & 4 children. When children come into school, they will do their early morning work until registration begins. As ever, you are also welcome to go into class and help settle your child into their school day as well as speak with your child's class teacher should you need to. Also, Year 3 children will no longer come into school using the separate entrance at the front of the school but will enter with the Year 4 children along the main entrance pathway at 8.45am.

PE Changing

After much discussion with the specialist teachers, including Mr Oakley, our PE teacher, we have decided to once again allow children to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days and remain in their PE kits should they/you wish them to. This will allow for the children to have longer PE sessions given that much time is spent getting children into and out of their school uniform. If however, you/your child would prefer them to get changed back into their school uniform once PE is over, we will continue to make provision for this.

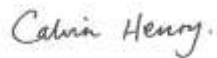
Year 6 Secondary School Transfers

Year 6 children – please remember that you will need to complete your secondary school transfer forms online by 31st October. We have been notified by Haringey that a significant number of our parents have yet to do this.

Please take a look at our website (www.stmarysn8.co.uk) as there are lots of key dates on the calendar that you will need to make a note of, plus lots of useful information and photos of what the children have been up to.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half-term break and a reminder that children return to school after the half-term break on **Tuesday 1st November**.

With warmest regards,



Calvin Henry,
Headteacher