



## Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter

### Ducklings and Goslings

#### Welcome to Reception

We would like to welcome everyone to St Mary's! We hope that the children will enjoy their first year of school, which will be full of exciting opportunities to develop both socially and academically.

#### Curriculum

We have got a busy term ahead! Please see the Topic Map for information on this term's curriculum and please come and ask if you have any questions.

#### At Home

To further support your child's learning at home we encourage you to share books with your child. Children will have a new library book and two reading books sent home each week.

#### Specialist Teachers

Your child will be taught by specialist PE and Art teachers. Art will be on Wednesdays (every other half term) and PE will be on Fridays. Please send your child dressed in their PE kit (plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on Fridays.

#### Punctuality & Attendance

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines.

START OF THE DAY: 9am

END OF THE DAY: 3.30pm

Attendance is compulsory for all children. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions:

Office: 020 8340 4898

Email: [office@stmarysn8.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysn8.co.uk)

## **Trips**

We are looking forward to lots of amazing trips this year. Further information will be sent out to you once trips have been booked.

## **General Reminders**

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- PE Kit: plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
- Parents and children are encouraged to check book bags for letters each day.
- It would be really helpful if you could send in tissues for the class, please.
- We also ask parents for voluntary contributions of **£5** per term for consumables (to make play dough and so on).
- Please look out for an email from Tapestry (towards the end of September) in order to activate your child's learning journal.
- If you ever have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or email the Admin Team on [Office@stmarysn8.co.uk](mailto:Office@stmarysn8.co.uk)
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e. no latex materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

## **Key Dates**

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin Team.

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9.30am
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half term – school closed
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Children return to school

\*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office.

**Ms Bellini and Miss Abernethy**  
Reception Team