



Autumn 2023 Newsletter

Crimson and Scarlet Classes

Welcome to Year 4

It is wonderful to be back in school and the children have settled in very well to their new classrooms. We are all excited for the year ahead and look forward to all of the learning that will take place. As always, we endeavour to make learning as fun and engaging as possible. We cannot wait.

Curriculum

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

Home Learning

Most of our homework will be uploaded to J2 Launch, however, paper copies will be given to the children who do not have access to the use of computers /laptops or tablets. Homework will be uploaded or given out every Friday. Please ensure your child completes the tasks set and returns their work by the following Wednesday. Home Learning will always contain a list of spellings to be learned as well as times tables to be practised along with an accompanying task relevant to our class learning.

Please remember to use your **Times Table Rock Stars** account to focus on fluency skills (please email the office if you cannot find your login).

Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.

Please talk to your child about our **Reading Challenge** and which books they have read so far.

Specialist Teachers

Your child's specialist PE and French sessions will happen every Wednesday. Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

All children in Year 4 get the opportunity to learn an instrument for the year through Haringey's WCIT (Whole Class Instrumental Teaching) program. Please look out for more information on this.

Scarlet Class will be learning the trumpet or trombone on Wednesday mornings.
Crimson Class will be learning the violin on Tuesday mornings.

We are really excited that this year, children will also be having art lessons with a specialist art teacher. These will be timetabled throughout the year.

Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year. This term we will be visiting a Hindu Mandir. Please look out for a letter with further information.

Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly.

START OF THE DAY: 8:45am

END OF THE DAY: 3:15pm

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

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Children in Year 4 are not to bring mobile phones to school.
- 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.
- 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 4th October: Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9.30am
- Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October: Half term – school closed
- Monday 30th October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 31st 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 do contact the school and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you. We are looking forward to working closely with you all over the next year.

Miss Gordon and Miss Toms

Year 4 Team