



Spring 2024 Newsletter



Ducklings and Goslings Classes

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We would like to thank you for all for your support during your child's first term at St Mary's, which was very much appreciated. We hope you all had a restful break and are looking forward to the new term.

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. Please return all books on Mondays so that they can be changed.

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 black 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.

GATE OPENS: 8.50am

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

Trips

We are looking forward to having some exciting workshops visit us this term. Please look out for more information.

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 black 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 don't forget to check your child's Tapestry account, so you can see the wonderful things they are getting up to at school.
- 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
- 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.

- Tuesday 30th January: Animal Encounter Workshop
- Wednesday 7th February: Reading & Phonics Stay & Play first 20 minutes after drop-off
- Monday 12th to Friday 16th February: Half term – school closed
- Monday 19th February: Children return to school
- Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th February: Parent Consultations times TBC
- Wednesday 28th February: Early Reading & Phonics Parent Coffee Morning @ CL 9.10am
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Wednesday 27th March: Easter Procession
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April: Easter holiday – school closed
- Monday 15th April: 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