



# Spring 2024 Newsletter

## Crimson and Scarlet Classes

### Welcome back to Year 4 and a Happy New Year to you all!

It is lovely to be starting back in the New Year with the children and we are very much looking forward to all of the fantastic learning we have planned for this term. The children have returned with renewed enthusiasm and a vigour for learning. Thank you all for your continued support.

### Curriculum

Please see the Topic Map for information about our curriculum for the busy spring term ahead. Please come and ask if you have any questions.

### Home Learning

Homework will be given out every Friday, please ensure that your child completes the tasks set which is expected back the following Wednesday in most cases. 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. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

All children in Year 4 will continue to learn their assigned instrument for the year through Haringey's WCIT (Whole Class Instrumental Teaching) program. We hope you enjoyed watching their progress in their recent performance.

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

Children in Year 4 will continue their art specialist sessions in the second part of the spring term every Friday afternoon.

### Trips

This term we have visited The Natural History Museum. Please look out for any letters for any further trips.

## Punctuality & Attendance

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

**GATE OPENS: 8.35am**

**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](mailto: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.
- 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 upcoming dates for our music concerts later in the term in addition to the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin Team.

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Reading & Phonics Stay & Play first 20 minutes after drop-off
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Half term – school closed
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: Children return to school
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Parent Consultations times TBC
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Procession
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter holiday – school closed
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 do not hesitate to contact the school and we can phone you or make an appointment.

**Miss Toms and Miss Gordon - Year 4 Team**