



Summer 2024 Newsletter

Buttercup and Marigold Classes

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and we hope you had a restful Easter!

The year seems to have gone so fast and we are now in our final term in Year 2. During this term, we will have our KS1 SATs and lots of opportunities to help the children transition to Rectory Gardens and Year 3.

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.

Home Learning

Reading books – reading at home is so important to further develop your child's love of reading. We will issue a new reading book every **Friday**. Please return on **Wednesday**. Children will bring home a levelled book based on the level they are reading in school. They will also be able to choose a free choice from the Class Library.

In addition to these, we strongly encourage children to read a book from our **Reading Challenge** scheme. These books will have a sticker on the front labelled 'Year 2'. On the return of the book, they will receive a sticker on their record cards indicating a **bronze, silver** or **gold** book has been read. Once all the books in the level have been read, they will receive a special award badge and will be acknowledged on the school website. Please ensure you read with your child and that these books are returned at the end of each week as we only have a very limited number of each book.

We expect the children to read for at least 15 minutes at home daily. Please comment in their reading record books so that we know that the children have read at home.

Spelling practice: the children have to use their Spelling Shed login to access a game with the week's spellings. They must practice these words in their homework books and write them in sentences.

Mathematics homework: a sheet will be added to the homework book and must be completed in pencil only. Sometimes they might get games to play with you as homework. Also practise their 2x, 5x and 10x tables every week.

Specialist Teachers

Your child's specialist PE and Art sessions will continue to happen every **Thursday**. Please make sure children come into school wearing the correct PE kit. This consists of a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers.

Children will also have a specialist music lesson every **Monday**.

Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year. This term we will be having a Stone Age workshop to further explore our history topic, as well as a trip to our local mosque to learn more about Islam. Please look out for a letter with further information.

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: 8.50am 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

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime and a named bottle of water.
- 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 (rubber) 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.

- Friday 17th May: Class Photos
- Tuesday 21st May: When I Grow Up Day
- Tuesday 21st May: International Evening RG 5.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May: Y2 Stone Age Workshop
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st May: Half term – school closed
- Monday 3rd June: INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 4th June: Children return to school
- Saturday 29th June: Summer Fair @ CL 12-3pm

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

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

Mrs Molloy and Miss Halil

Year 2 Team