



## Autumn Term 2024 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 Topic Map for information on this term's curriculum and please come and ask if you have any questions.

#### Home Learning

Homework is given out on **Fridays** and is to be returned the following Wednesday. A paper copy is sent home with the homework book and a copy is also put on J2E. Work should be recorded carefully in the books in pencil or black pen. The Spelling Shed website is used for spelling games and Times Tables Rock Stars is used to practise times tables. These will be tested on the following Friday. Please do let us know if your child does not have access to these websites at home. Reading each evening is a crucial part of the homework and we cannot underestimate the benefit of enjoying books together. We have a wide selection of books at school, please do encourage your child to bring a book home each evening. If there are any questions or difficulties, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Please remember to use your **Times Table Rock Stars** account to focus on fluency skills (please email the School 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.

#### Specialist Teachers

PE with Mr Oakley will be every Friday. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter. PE with class teachers is every Wednesday.

Art with Ms Lincoln, and French with Madame Williamson are time-tabled throughout the year.

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 – violins on Tuesdays.

Crimson Class – trumpets/trombones on Thursdays.

#### Trips

We are excited to take the children on lots of amazing trips this year. This term we will be visiting Neasden Temple. 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: 8.35am**

**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. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Fridays**. Children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do 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.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> September: Y3 to Y5 Curriculum Evening 5.45pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Jeans for Genes Day wear something denim and bring in £1
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: INSET Day - school closed to children
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: children return to school
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: individual photo day

\*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 Office 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 Toms & Miss Probert**

Year 4 Team