



## Summer Term 2025 Newsletter

### Topaz and Turquoise Classes

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after Easter. Both classes have settled back in really well and have made a good start to the summer term. It has been wonderful to see them working hard and enjoying being back among their friends. Below, we have included information about the different subject areas that we will be covering this 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 or would like more information – we welcome all communication!

#### Homework

Homework is given out on **Wednesday** and is to be returned the following **Monday**. 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 and participate in our St Mary's reading challenge. If there are any questions or difficulties, please do not hesitate to let us know.

#### Specialist Subjects/Swimming

Your child's specialist PE and French sessions will continue every Wednesday. Children are to wear the 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.

Specialist music sessions with Mrs Peacock are every Monday and art sessions with Ms Lincoln will continue in the first half of the summer term, on a Thursday.

Swimming continues every Thursday morning at Park Road Pool. Please make sure that your child has suitable swimming trunks/costume, towel and a swimming hat (goggles are optional) with them every week. It's a good idea to send in a piece of fruit on this day too as swimming makes the children extra hungry!

#### 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 that they are 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 489 Email: [office@stmarysn8.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysn8.co.uk)

## Trips

We are SO excited about our upcoming trip to Paris in June – Madame Williamson will be in touch with any further information. We will also be visiting Wightman Road Mosque to support our learning in RE this term.

## 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 **Wednesdays**. 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 – read with them as much as possible. 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.
- 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 (rubber) materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

## Mobile Phones

If your child truly needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), please ensure that it is clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safekeeping during the day. This applies to Smart watches too. All mobile phones will be handed back to the children (in the playground before dismissal) at the end of the school day.

## Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the Admin Team.

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Christian Aid – wear something red and bring in £1
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Coffee Morning – find out about foster caring - 2.15pm @ RG
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May: International Evening 5.30pm @ RG see poster for more information
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: When I Grow Up Day 2025
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: PSA Cake Sale @ RG 3.15pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: PSA Cake Sale @ CL 3.30pm
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term - school closed
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: children return to school
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 trip to Paris
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Coffee Morning with the school nurse @ RG from 9am
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Non-uniform Day for Tombola – please bring in something lovely
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June: PSA Summer Fair @ CL 12.30-3.30pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day @ RG
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July: End of year BBQ @ RG 6.30-8.30pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term – full day usual pick-up time

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

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

**Mrs Frohock, Miss Gordon, Miss Fernandes & Mrs Vidic**

**Year 5 Team**