



Spring Term Newsletter

Year 5

Turquoise & Topaz

The Year 5 Week – things to remember

Monday: Music / Home Learning handed in

Wednesday: PE and French / Home Learning handed out

Thursday: Swimming

Friday: Art after half term

Curriculum

Please see the attached Topic Map for an overview of this term's curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions.

Swimming is on Thursday mornings.

Please remember that all children need:

- Towel
- Trunks (close fitting) or costume
- Googles/poolside slippers are optional

Fruit for a snack is a good idea but **no** other snacks are allowed

Trips

This term we will be visiting Kew Garden to support our geography topic on 'Why are the Rainforests in danger?' Please look out for further details.

PE Kit

Children are to wear their correct PE kit to school on their PE days with Mr Oakley - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

Home Learning

Home Learning is given out on Wednesday and is to be returned the following Monday.

A paper copy is sent home with the homework book. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

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.

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Email: office@stmarysn8.co.uk

Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for the upcoming term.

Please make sure you look out for regular newsletters and any communication from the admin team about future events as they are scheduled.

- Monday 5th January – children return to school
- Friday 13th February – children break up for half term. See below for times:

Rectory Gardens: 1:45pm Church Lane: 2:00pm

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February – Half Term.
- Monday 23rd February – children return to school
- Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March – Parent Consultations
- Friday 27th March – children break up for Easter Holidays

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

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.
- Children can bring a fruit snack in for the morning break.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- 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](#).

Mobile phones

If your child truly needs a mobile phone (Years 5 & 6 only), it must be clearly labelled, switched off before they enter the school premises and handed in to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

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.

Mrs Frohock, Miss Gordon & Mrs Hamilton

Year 5 Team