



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020
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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



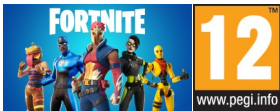
Dear Parents and carers,

There have been some confusing stories in the news this week about schools possibly closing early. St Mary's school are not making any changes to our term dates as this is unfair on parents who would need to arrange childcare at short notice. Our last day of term is Friday 18th December and all pupils should attend school as usual.

Best wishes from Mr Webb and Mrs Jackson

We are hearing an increasing amount from children and parents that they are using games and social media they are too young for and that this is unsupervised. Children cannot rely on being able to manage themselves. They are too young and need parents to carefully choose which games/apps/sites to use; to monitor what their child is saying and doing; to set limits on when and how long their child is online.

To help with this, we have attached to this newsletter a helpful guide to the age ratings for popular games and social media. Did you know that Fortnite and TikTok have a minimum age rating of 12? Did you know that Roblox has a minimum age rating of 7?



Please click on the links below to find ways to make your child's online experience safer.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk> allows you to search for specific games or apps that your child may be accessing. You can then learn about the safety features and age rating for these and make informed decisions.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls> provides step-by-step guides to help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on a range of devices.



Are you going abroad over the Christmas holiday period?

Please remember that if you are leaving the country during the Christmas holiday period, it is possible that you may need to quarantine when you return. Your child may not be able to return to school immediately as a result. Please check government guidance with regard to any country you may be visiting. Thank you for your help with this.

Some classes had their Christmas parties this week.

Children had fun dancing, playing party games and eating party food with their friends. Other classes will have their party next week.

If your child or anyone in your household is tested for coronavirus and receives a positive test result over the weekend or during the Christmas holiday, please inform the school immediately by email to admin@stmarykilburn.camden.sch.uk as we may need to contact other parents in the class. Emails will be checked over the weekend and holidays for notifications about coronavirus.

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :) Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

Important dates for your diary.....

Wednesday 16th December—
Christmas lunch for children taking a school lunch

Friday 18th December - Last day of term

Monday 4th January—INSET Day (staff training)—
children do not attend school

Tuesday 5th January—Children return to school



Nursery and Reception classes September 2021..

The deadline for applications to Reception and Nursery is **January 15th 2021**. School application forms are available from the school office or download from the school website.

For Reception, you should also make an online application in the borough in which you live by visiting www.eadmissions.org.uk

Please remember that if your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still apply for a place in Reception.

If you know friends or family that want to apply for places, please remind them of the deadline so they don't miss out!

Work of the Week...

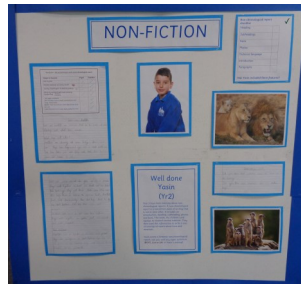
Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

Year 2 have been learning how to write non-chronological information reports.

Yasin researched animal habitats and wrote a report on meerkats and lions.

He has structured his report in paragraphs with sub-headings and used joined-up handwriting.

Well done Yasin!



Person of the Week!

Reception - Alfred

Year 1 - Ariela

Year 2 - Maryam

Year 3 - Spencer

Year 4 - Emilly

Year 5 - Tiger-Lilly

Year 6 - Aristotle

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Head of school with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result.

Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
- 3) Please let the Head of School (Mr Webb) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0207 372 6565**
- 4) If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
- 5) If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough



high temperature



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Our prayer...

This week's Gospel assembly marked the second Sunday of Advent, based from the gospel of St Mark 1:1-8

Loving Father,

As we prepare to welcome you

Into our hearts and lives this Christmas,

Help us to remember that you are already among us

In the people we see and meet every day.

We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen