



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020
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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



Dear Parents and carers,

We are very pleased that we have had a successful first half of the Autumn term. All children have returned fully to school and have been learning the full curriculum.

The majority of primary schools in Camden have now had at least one positive confirmed case of coronavirus, including St Mary's so far. One school has had 6 cases. There will certainly be more occasions where a class has to be sent home to isolate due to a confirmed case. It is helpful for parents to make a plan for childcare for when your child's class needs to isolate. Best wishes from Mr Webb and Mrs Jackson

Children's use of social media

As parents, we are certain that you know you are responsible for your children's online activity.

Please look at your child's social media feeds every day: WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, etc. **so that you can monitor their content, and how your child is interacting with others on social media.**

Many popular online games such as Fortnite and Roblox have social media functions to send messages to each other so please monitor these every day as well.

Children do not have a right to privacy on social media, so please check their phones, laptops or tablets every day in order to keep them safe and ensure that their communications to others are appropriate.

As you may know, children should not have access to Tiktok, Instagram, Snapchat until they are 13.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do make an appointment to meet me. Thank you very much for your help with keeping our children safe.



Year 3 had a visit in school from the Camden Computing Learning Centre. They used the programme Scratch to create characters and text explaining their history learning on the Stone Age.

London is now in the High Alert category. This means that children must not be visiting each other's homes.

Please also consider using a different play area than the one on Quex Road if it is busy with other children after school.

Please help us by keeping your 2-metre distance from all staff and other parents as you drop off or collect your child. If you find that a 2-metre distance is not possible, please consider wearing a face covering to help others feel comfortable.

We must all do all we can to reduce the risk of Covid transmission. Thank-you for your help with this.



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.....



Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October—School closed for half term break

Monday 2nd November—Friday 6th November—**Whole School Equalities Project Week**

Friday 6th November—9.30—10.00—Parents Information coffee morning - How to Help your child with learning from home (via Zoom—invites will be sent by text the day before)

Monday 16th November—Friday 20th November— **Anti-bullying week**

Tuesday 17th November—Class and individual photographs taken in school

Friday 18th December - Last day of term

Hot lunches are coming back!

Please see the menu attached for after half term. We have already successfully introduced some hot lunches back on the menu. After half term, we will return to hot cooked lunches every day. We are able to provide this by using reusable containers.

Lunch will continue to be in classrooms, rather than the hall, to minimise contact between classes.

Work of the Week...

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

Reception have been reading the story *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.



Raveah used adjectives to label objects from the book and used her phonic sounds to sound out and blend the words in her writing.

Raveah also made a skeleton collage of the character *Funny Bones*.



Well done Raveah!

Person of the Week!

Reception - Donte
Year 1 - Sophia P
Year 2 - Te'shae
Year 3 - Sara
Year 4 - Nolawi
Year 5 - Elza
Year 6 - JJ

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

or



high temperature

or



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

Our prayer...

This week's Gospel assembly was based from the gospel of St Matthew 22:15-21

*Loving Father,
Help us to share what we have received through your love and generosity, Without counting the cost of following you.
Grant this through Christ your Son.
Amen*