



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is upon us and so is the new school year. As we welcome your children back to St. Mary's for their final year, I thought it would be useful for you to have some information about learning, homework and expectations for the year ahead.

### **Trips and In-School Events**

This year the children will be visiting the Imperial War Museum and tie dying t-shirts. For these events/resources we are asking for a contribution of £10. This is payable on SCOPAY.

### **Key Dates**

The school website has full information about the term dates, whole school events and INSET days but please take note of these dates that are especially important to Year 6.

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Mock SATS week

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 SATS week - *It is essential that no holidays or non-emergency appointments are made for this week.*

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Bowles Residential trip (a letter to follow shortly)

### **School Resources**

Thank you for providing well stocked pencil cases. Leaving pencil cases at school means everyone is well prepared. Some children do not have blue handwriting pens (biros are not suitable) or glue sticks. If possible please can you provide one?

### **Curriculum**

This term children will be learning about the Canada, Canadian Aboriginal artists, Mountains, Christian symbolism, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Light, Classification of Animals, Ancient Greece, classical composers and musical composition. Maths covers a broad range of topics starting with place value, calculation including fractions and decimals/percentages. Literacy will be text-based learning with regular reading comprehension, spelling and grammar activities to develop these aspects of the curriculum.

Full details on what we cover in year 6 can be found on the school website.

### **Homework**

Children will no longer be required to practice spellings at home. We will now be focusing on the learning of spellings at school. The focus for learning at home should be reading regularly and times table revision.

- Children are expected to read every day for 20 minutes or more (aim for at least 5 days a week). Reading can be a mix of reading aloud and reading independently. Please support this by making sure your child has some time each day to do this without interruption from conversation, television or the temptation of gadgets.

Children will not be given paper reading records this year. Instead, we will be logging reading on the Go Read app. Children will be coming home with their log in details. Once logged in, click on GoRead and children will enter their daily reading here by adding the books they are reading, along with pages and comments. Once finished a book they can also write reviews. Children can also edit their own avatars once logged in. Reading and developing your child's vocabulary are the best ways to support your child's learning this year!

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- Tables tests: Children will be tested on tables each Friday.
- Projects: A project will be set later this term.

### **Home Learning**

In the event that your child needs to self-isolate we will be setting home learning weekly on Google Classroom. This is only to be completed if children are not attending school. Your child will not be expected to complete this work if they are unwell and need rest.

### **Uniform**

Children are coming in looking neat and tidy, which is brilliant. PE kit should be worn on **Wednesday** and **Friday** for PE days. Please make sure children are suitably dressed so they do not feel too cold. Children must not wear any jewellery with the exception of small stud earrings. Under Surrey Schools Health and Safety Policy, children may not wear earrings for PE/Games or any school sports activities including tournaments and dance performances. We therefore ask that if your child has not yet had their ears pierced you refrain from allowing them to do so until the start of the summer holidays next year when there is enough time for the piercing to heal.

### **Communication**

Teachers are available via email, Dojo or written letter. Please note that any absences or urgent messages should be sent to the office (with class teachers copied in) – urgent messages should not be sent via dojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible but do remember that when we are teaching we won't see messages until the end of the school day.

We are looking forward to working with you this year to make your child's year memorable and fulfilling. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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