

## Year 6 Welcome Letter

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.

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mock SATS week

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 SATS week - *It is essential that no holidays or non-emergency appointments are made for this week.*

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Bowles Residential trip (a letter to follow shortly)

### Communication

Teachers are available via email, Dojo or written letter. Please note that **any absence or urgent messages should be made via the office** – urgent messages should not be sent via Dojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible but please do remember that when we are teaching we won't see messages until the end of the school day.

### School Resources

Please see previous letter for equipment needed in year 6, link [here](#). This allows children to be ready for their lessons.

### Curriculum

Overviews of what the children will be learning can be found on the school website, on the Year 6 page, using the following link <https://stmarysprimary.org/learning/year-6/>

### Homework

Children in year 6 are expected to:

- **Read:** Children are expected to read at home every day. Reading should 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. Reading will be recorded in their reading journals, which will be kept and used at school. Reading and developing your child's vocabulary are the best ways to support your child's learning this year!
- **Practise Times Tables:** Being able to recall all timestables up to 12x12 is vital for children's mathematical understanding. Children have access to Timestables Rock Stars, which is a great online resources that children should now be familiar with. Timestables tests will be on a Tuesday.
- **Projects:** A project will be set later this term and one in the Summer Term.

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### **Uniform & PE Kit**

Children should wear the school uniform, as explained on the school website. <https://stmarysprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/School-Uniform-Policy.pdf> Children must not wear any jewellery with the exception of small stud earrings or a watch. PE kit should be worn on PE days. 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.

All of Year 6 will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, so will need to wear PE kit all day on these days.

### **Helping in School**

Throughout the year we may need some volunteer helpers who have had a DBS check completed. Please contact [e.starr@stmarysprimary.org](mailto:e.starr@stmarysprimary.org) if you are able to help and have not yet had a school DBS check completed. We will be in touch when helpers are required.

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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