



St Mary's News

Headteacher's News

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year.

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Head of School and I am honoured to work alongside our amazing staff team in providing the very best education for your children, so that they thrive not just academically but in all areas of school life. Do come and say hello as you see me around school at the start and end of the day.

We know that the start of term comes with both excitement and nerves for many children in anticipation of the changes that a new year group brings.

Next Tuesday, the 11th of September, we will be holding information sessions for you to meet the class teacher and find out a little more about what this year holds in store for your child. Further information about these can be found below.

On the back of this letter you will also find information about clubs for this term.

To help make the process easier we will be holding a sign up event next Thursday at 3:15 in the school studio. Please come to the main office and staff will be ready to help you.

All clubs will now run for 5 weeks each half term. Clubs have limited spaces so places will be assigned on a first come first served basis (with a maximum of 2 per child in the first instance). We will also be operating a prepayment system this year to make things run more smoothly both for the staff who run the clubs and the school office! Some clubs are free but most cost £1 per session so please bring in your £5 when you sign up to secure your place.

As in previous years, those parents who are entitled to free school meals can sign up their child for one club per term for free.

We are also looking at our use of mobile technology for communication with parents and will shortly be sending out a simple survey to ask your opinions about possible options so watch this space!

Kate Batorska

Parent Information Event – Tuesday 11th September:

Staff have prepared a presentation about key information you need to know for the year.

From 2:45-3:15 Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – gates to the playground will be open early so please wait by the class doors and the teacher will meet you and take you to their classrooms.

From 3:20-3:50 Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Children are welcome to attend the meetings with you for these Year groups. Reception will hold their meeting at 3:30.

All of the teachers will be around afterwards to answer any individual questions you may have. If you have several children and you cannot get to a particular class presentation, please see the class teacher as they have prepared handouts for those who miss the presentation.

Key Dates for this term:

Thursday October 4th Harvest Festival 2:00
(further details to follow)

Thursday and Friday October 11th/12th School Photos

Friday 19th October INSET Day

20th-28th October HALF TERM

Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th November Parents Meetings (further details to follow)

Tuesday 11th December KS1 Nativity 2:00

Thursday 13th December Reception Nativity 9:30

Thursday 20th December KS2 Performance 2:00

22nd December – 6th January Christmas Holidays

Clubs - Autumn 1 2018

(All start w/c Monday 17th September unless otherwise stated and run for 5 weeks)

Day of the week	Club name and time Cost	Year groups able to attend (max numbers)	Person running the club
Monday	Running club 3.15-4.15 free	4,5,6 (20)	Mr Shelley
	Football club 3.15-4.15 £1 per session	5,6 (15)	Mr Donovan
	Textiles 3.15-4.30 £1 per session	5,6 (10)	Mrs Loveridge
	Sports Club 3:15-4:00 £1 per session	1,2 (15)	Miss Foote
	Wii Dance £1 per session	2,3,4,5,6 (15)	Mrs Brown and Mrs Macdonald
	ICT lego modelling Club £2 per session	1,2,3	Mr Harris
Tuesday	Football Club £1 per session	3,4 (15)	Mr Donovan
	Choir 12.15-12.45 free	3, 4, 5, 6	Debs
Wednesday	Drama Club 3:15-4:15 free	3,4,5,6 (25)	Miss Legg
	Gardening club - Lunchtime Free	1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (15)	Edible Garden Group
	Film Club 3:15-4:15 £1 per session	2,3,4,5,6	Mrs Hurford
Thursday <i>All Thursday clubs only 4 sessions due to Harvest Festival 4th October</i>	Art Club 3:15-4:15 £1 per session	3,4,5,6 (12)	Miss Jessopp
	Homework Club 3:15-4:00 free	3,4,5,6	Mrs Batorska
	Sports Club 3:15-4:00 £1 per session	1,2	Miss Foote
	Times Table Rockstars Lunchtime free	3,4,5,6	Mrs Morini

A new list will be published for Autumn 2 later this half term. Many of the clubs above will run again and we have our popular Fencing Club returning as well as a Forest School opportunity.