



## St Mary's Weekly News

### More than just a school - Living; Loving; Learning

**Week ending 15/10/2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of my favourite things about the St Mary's Curriculum is the way we use it to teach real life skills as well as acquire knowledge.

Last week we raised £200 with our #HelloYellow which will be passed on to support a local youth mental health charity. Strong relationships that make you thrive when you're feeling good, and support you and pick you up when you are feeling down, are what St Mary's is built upon. We are thrilled to be able to continue to share the love of St Mary's family with our wider community through this donation.

I would like to publicly thank the year 6 children who returned to school on Tuesday evening to be tour guides of our school. They were honest and accurate in their description of the school, they knew exactly what we care about as a school and how we support every child to reach their full potential. Listening to them speak so eloquently and passionately about our school family made me feel rather emotional. Every day I discover another reason to be truly proud and privileged to say I am the Headteacher of this amazing community.

We really do believe we are More than just a school and we aim to ensure all children in our school family really learn the importance and skills for Living; Loving; Learning together every day.

Have a fabulous weekend

*Mrs Irvine*



#### Show Racism the **RED** card day

As a school we will be supporting wear Red day. Children are invited to wear a red accessory to school. They should be in full uniform but could wear a red hat, hair band, socks, shoes, badge, scarf etc. During the day we will be celebrating our amazing diverse school family and sharing stories from around the world and featuring characters of different nationalities.



#### Social Media

We have school Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stworthing/> and Twitter [@st\\_worthing](https://twitter.com/st_worthing) pages which are regularly updated with activities we have taken part in.

We also a fabulous private Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/974303662753177> this is full of updates, it is a great source of information about school events and reminders and is also a place where you can find an answer to many of your school related questions.

The group is very ably led by Paula Ley (mum of an ex pupil) and I am eternally grateful for the time and effort she puts in to this page.

#### A HARVEST POEM

I walked beside a field of golden corn  
That rustled in the early morning breeze  
I stopped and leaned against the old stone wall  
And watched the cornstalks ripple like the sea

Then over the horizon came a shape –  
A tractor harvesting the ripened crop  
I wondered what the corn and grain would make  
When all of it was cut and gathered up

It might be ground into a bag of flour  
Then mixed and baked to make a loaf of bread  
Or crumpets, pancakes, cereal, or pasta  
Or if it's fortunate: a slice of cake

I smile as the tractor passes by me  
Thankful that I live in times of plenty.

*Liam Smith*  
*@HoraceCSmith*

We love supporting and developing the teachers of the future and are delighted to currently have with us 4 trainee teachers who have all made an amazing start to their careers. The Harvest Poem above which has been central to some of the Year 6 work was written by one of our very talented trainee teachers.

If you have a hidden talent that you would love to share with us as a school do please get in touch via [office@stmarysworthing.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysworthing.org.uk)



### Start and End of the Day times for Bubbles in School

**Yr 5 and 6:** - 8.40am – 2.50pm  
**Yr 1 and 2:** 8.45am – 2.55pm  
**Yr 3 and 4:** 8.50am – 3.00pm  
**EYFS:** 8.55am – 2.55pm

Gates will be closing promptly at 9.05.

Gates will be closed at 3.05pm every day to allow extra-curricular clubs to take place on the playground

### Forest school

On Forest School days children must bring a change of clothing and footwear (wellies and waterproofs please)

**St Clare:** Wednesday  
**St Bernadette:** Monday  
**St Anthony:** Thursday



### School birthdays this week:

Eliza	St Hilda	16 <sup>th</sup> October	5
Heidi	St Ivan	16 <sup>th</sup> October	10
Sameer	St Elizabeth	21 <sup>st</sup> October	9
Kara	St Josephine	21 <sup>st</sup> October	11

### PE DAYS

EYFS and KS1 Children will need to wear full PE Kit on the following days:

**KS2 must come in full school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.**

If KS2 have PE as the last lesson of the day they will come home in PE kit – this must be returned to school the next day. PE may be on any day due to the unpredictable nature of the weather.

**St Hilda:** Monday & Thursday  
**St Clare:** Tuesday & Friday  
**St Bernadette:** Tuesday & Thursday  
**St Anthony:** Tuesday & Friday



Here are our latest house point totals:

Fatima	1336
Lourdes	1309
Senario	1389
Walsingham	★ 1413 ★

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 3 – History Visitor

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- St Kateri Swimming
- Governor Recruitment event at St Oscar Romero School 6pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

- Open morning EYFS 2022

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

- School closes at normal time for half term



We continue to have Covid cases in school – in the press today it talks about the increase in numbers nationally at the moment. Please do inform us if you are testing and follow the advice given by the office staff – we are working hard to contain any small outbreaks we have as a school and have done so successfully at the moment as so many of our families have followed our requests.



**Coronavirus/Covid-19** We continue to receive daily updates, advice and guidance in school from the Department for Education, the NHS and other Government sources.

Coronavirus symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 or above)
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**If you have had to get a test please notify us and then tell us of the results as soon as you can.**

Remember if your child has been told by school they must self-isolate – this means they can not leave the house except in an emergency or to get a test if they have developed symptoms!