



Dear Families of St. Marys,

### Cross Country

Well done to everyone who competed in the snow at Bridgewater Cross Country.



In the Y3 boys' race Finlay Black came 7<sup>th</sup> and Callum Powell Y2 came 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the Y3 girls' race Phoebe Goss came 14<sup>th</sup> and Bella Walker came 15<sup>th</sup>.



In the Y4 boys' race huge congratulations to Olly Painter who came 1<sup>st</sup>, Jamie Powell 6<sup>th</sup>, David Berry 9<sup>th</sup> and



Jack Collingwood 43<sup>rd</sup>. They also won the Y4 boys' team race. Well done, and well done to everyone for your fantastic achievement.



#### Dates:

- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – School Book Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10.25 am – Y4 Class Assembly
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 visit to the Museum of London
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.00 pm – Parent Forum
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – School Quiz night
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.45 – 6.30 Parent Consultations
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.00 am – New Nursery parent visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.00pm – 7.30pm Parent Consultations
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Inset Day (no school)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – School starts

#### Proud Awards

- YR – Charlie, Scarlett, Jake
- Y1 – Charlie & Teddy
- Y2 – Adam & Alfie
- Y3 – Whole Class for the trip
- Y4 – Bella & Maddie
- Y5 – Sam & Holly

#### Letters, dinner money and KS2 milk

Could all letters please be put into your child's book bag to give to the class teacher. They will then be sent down to the office. There is also a green Filapocket outside the office for all letters and money, which is emptied regularly. Thank you for continuing to write in the link book if there is a change to normal pick up.

If parents have anything urgent to pass to a teacher which they do not want children to

take in to school themselves, such as show and tell items, then these can be handed personally to the front office and will then be passed on to class teacher. Thank you

Milk can be ordered for KS2 children. Please email the office if your child would like milk.

### **Parent E Safety Workshop Reminder**

For the convenience of parents who were unable to join us for the workshop held in school last term, this is a reminder that we have arranged to take part in the E Safety Workshop to be held at Westfield Primary School on Tuesday 3rd March, with refreshments at 6.45p for a start at 7pm. (It will last approximately 1.5 hours). A flier with further details will be emailed out at the beginning of February.

### **Snow**

With parts of the UK already having their first share of this winter's snow, we thought it would be a good time to continue to remind you of the arrangements we put in place, should we need to close the school because of adverse weather.

We will notify the local authority and this triggers an email to Three Counties Radio (103.8FM/95.5FM or 630MW/1161MW)

You can check whether the school is closed by looking on the homepage of [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org).

We shall continue to use Schoolcomms if we have any other information to add as only a very short message can be included on the Herts Direct homepage. Should anyone who has not signed up to Schoolcomms and now wishes to do so please email the school office.

We will also put a message on the home page of the school website.

**Please save this information as this is how you will be contacted if we need to close the school at any time in the future.**

### **2016/17 Admissions Consultation for St Mary's School**

All school admission authorities are required to undertake consultation on their admission arrangements if they are changing their

arrangements and even if no changes are being made, they are still required to carry out a consultation at least once every seven years. As St Mary's is a voluntary aided school, the Governing Body is the admitting authority.

We are undertaking a consultation on our draft admissions arrangements for the academic year 2016/17. The consultation period is for 8 weeks, between 2 January - 27 February 2015.

Please refer to the school website for full details of the proposed admissions arrangements.

If you would like to make any comments, or respond to the proposed arrangements, you need to contact the school on [admissions@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk). Your responses will be taken into account when determining the admission arrangements.

We must determine our admission arrangements for 2016/17 by 15 April 2015. Determined admission arrangements will be displayed on the school's website by 1 May 2015.

#### **Parents Association Fundraising dates -**

Book Fair - Monday 26th to Thursday 29th January - after school in hall

Valentine's Disco - 5.00 to 6.00pm in school hall -Friday 13th February (tickets available nearer the time)

Children's Quiz - available from Tuesday 24th February for handing in on Friday 27th February

#### **The Berkhamsted Schools Joint Travel Forum - Parent volunteer still required**

The Berkhamsted Schools Joint Travel Forum is a collaborative group with parent and governor representatives from Berkhamsted schools and members of the Herts CC Safe and Sustainable Journeys team. It was set up with the following aims:

- To achieve safe, independent travel to school for children in Berkhamsted

- To support and promote the use of sustainable modes of travel for school journeys, especially walking, cycling and scooting

The Joint Forum operates as an umbrella group for Berkhamsted school travel matters, identifying issues where working and acting together would better achieve the above aims. Examples of the work of the forum include helping launch the Herts County Council "Road Monster" campaign in Berkhamsted schools. As the latest part of this campaign, there are plans to shoot a music video in the town with the participation of pupils from as many local schools as possible. Ashlyns' students are currently scripting and writing the music for the video with the support of industry professionals and teachers.

**We don't currently have a parent representative from St Mary's on the forum, but are keen to have one, so we are looking for a parent volunteer.** We will also be asking one of our governors to join the forum. Up until now, the forum has been meeting once per half term, usually during the day time. The timing of meetings has been arranged to best suit the majority of attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th Feb at 9:15am (venue TBC).

If you would be interested, please contact the school office on  
admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk

### **Checklist of Letters sent home this week – Please check bookbags**

**Y4 – Green Park Letter – paper**

**Whole school – dinner money invoice – paper**

**Please contact the office if you did not receive one of the above.**