



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 5th January 2018

Headteacher Miss V M Hunt

Core Christian Value for this half term: Trust

Learning to learn skill : Determination

Dear Parents,

### Epiphany Service

Thank you to everyone who came to Church this morning when we celebrated the new school term with our Epiphany Service. Nursery joined us and everyone behaved beautifully. The singing was tremendous. Thank you to Jonathan for leading it and to Mrs. Archbold for organising it and to the Year 5 and 6 children for their thoughtful readings and prayers. It was a lovely way to start the New Year.

### Welcome Mrs Brown

We would like to welcome Mrs Brown to St Mary's School. Mrs Brown will be the new nursery class teacher.

### Out of School Achievements

Billy Q has been awarded a 5m swimming certificate.

Lorelie Q has been awarded a 15m backstroke swimming certificate.

Congratulations to you both.

### Homework Club

There are still a few places left in Homework Club after school every Monday. Please contact Mr. Potter if your child wishes to attend after Christmas (Years 3 to 6 only).

### September 2018 Reception

If you have a sibling of a current St Mary's pupil who is due to join our Reception cohort next September, please do complete our Supplementary Information Form under the admissions tab on the school website, or collect one from the office and return it as soon as possible to the office. This will ensure that your sibling is considered under Criteria 2 of our Admissions Policy 2018.

Our final prospective parent tour is taking place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am.

Applications for Reception places next September must be made before **15 January 2018**.

### Victoria CE Infant & Nursery School and The Thomas Coram CE School Consultation

The governing bodies of Victoria CE Infant & Nursery School and The Thomas Coram CE School are holding a consultation on creating a Federation between the two schools. The consultation document, and a link to the online response form, can be found on the collaboration page of both schools' websites. The consultation runs from Friday 5 January 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018 at midday. Your views are welcome.

### Maths Evening – postponed until 24<sup>th</sup> January

We will now be holding the maths evening on Wednesday 24th January, from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Please save the date.

Thanks, Mr Potter

### Absences

Please call the school office by 9.00am if your child is absent from school whether this is for illness or holidays. A message must be left for each day of absence on the absence line. At the end of the autumn term we had a number of unexplained absences and we were unable to contact families. This is for Safeguarding purposes.

### Music Lessons

Please note that a full half term's notice is required to cancel a music lesson.

### Reminder that we are a nut free school

Please ensure that no nut products are brought into school.

### School Office

The school office opening hours are:

08:30 – 09:30am

14:30 – 15:20pm

Please avoid contacting the office outside of these times. Thank you.

### Late Box

Please use the box provided in the school entrance for any items brought in after the start of the school day. Please ensure all items are named.

**School Gateway Reminder**

St Mary's is now a 'cash free' school. **This means that we will no longer be accepting payment in cash or cheque.**

Please make all payments via School Gateway. Please report any issues to the School Office.

**Please check your School Gateway account regularly for payments due.** Breakfast club appears for all children in case of emergency requirement. Please ignore it if you do not use Breakfast Club. The same applies for Dinner Money for Years 3-6. Thank you for your continued support.

**Breakfast Club**

There are a few spaces available at Breakfast club. Parents arriving after 8.00 a.m. please use the main entrance to the school.

Please contact Breakfast club via email [breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk](mailto:breakfast.club@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)

**Checklist of Letters sent home in the last two weeks**

PLEASE CHECK EMAIL AND BOOK BAGS FOR LETTERS

Title	Class	Via
Game On Club Letters	All	Email

Please contact the office if you did not receive any of the above letters

Next newsletter on Friday 19th January.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

**Miss V.M. Hunt**