



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is Education Sunday, when we pray for the role of educators of all kinds in our lives. Please take time this Sunday to remember all teachers, past and present, in your prayers.

Sharing information and travel arrangements

If you need to get a message to your child near the end of the school day, please do so through the School Office. It is important for your child's safety at the end of the day that we know the arrangements for a safe journey home.

Some children have mobile phones for use on the journey home, and whilst this can be a reassurance, please do not contact them directly when you know they are on site at school as the use of mobile phones is forbidden whilst on school premises.

Contact Details

All parents should now be able to receive SMS and emails through our messaging system, Teachers 2 Parents. You will recognise texts if you have received them as they are signed 'StMarysJun'.

If you are unsure whether the School Office has the correct mobile phone numbers for contact, please request a data collection sheet from the office. This is also useful if anyone needs to reach you – there have already been two occasions this term when parents have been unreachable and children have had to wait.

Please remember also that if you are new to the school, you must activate your Parentpay account which is used for booking all activities.

Instagram

Together with the Infant School we have set up an Instagram account. To find us, search on Instagram for **stmarystrust**. We hope that this will be an additional space in which we can share many of the children's successes visually.

Transfer to High School for September 2025

It seems a long way off, but now is the time for parents of children in Year 6 to begin to consider the appropriate High School and to start the application process. All families with children in Year 6 will receive a copy of the guide this week that includes details of a page for each Secondary School in South London, called The Essential Schools Guide.

ALL Year 6 parents are invited to a presentation on Thursday 26th September at 3.45pm during which I will outline the application process. The closing date for applications is usually the final day of October in the previous year, so this year will be on or around 31st October 2024 for admission in September 2025.

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Here is the link to the step-by-step guide on Croydon Council's website:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/step-by-step/apply-secondary-school-place-step-step>

Individual School Photographs

Advance notice: the children's individual photos will be taken by Tempest on 9th October.

Swimming kit and equipment

Please remember that for swimming sessions, swim hats are required (these are for sale priced £3 from the School Office) and goggles are advised. For girls, we ask that a one-piece swimming costume is worn, and our uniform guide requests navy blue.

SSA Sports – Football sessions

Please remember that there are still spaces available for after-school football club on Friday. This activity is provided by SSA and can be booked using Parentpay. The activity is a great way to build skills and confidence and is open to children from all year groups.

Head Prefects and School Council for 2024-25

We are pleased to announce that last Friday the children of Year 6 completed their voting, and elected a Head Girl and Head Boy.

The Head Girl for 2024/25 is **Suri**. The Head Boy is **Chidiuto**. Congratulations to both children.

Here are the introductions from the children.

Hello. My name is Suri. I have been elected as Head Girl for this year.

I hope to serve the children by spreading kindness around the school.

I am looking forward to helping my peers and fellow school mates.

My interests are to be a better student and to be a role model to the younger children.

Hello. My name is Chidiuto. I have been elected head boy for this year. I hope to help the children and teachers in the school by guiding the Year 3s, helping the teachers, and run errands for the school. I am looking forward to meeting you. My interests are running, drawing and learning, and to play educational games and sporty games. My Class is 6G and I am also the Swim Captain of the school.

Each class has voted for two School Council members, who will represent them and champion them this year. The School Council for this year is:

- 3A **Lena & Raphael**
- 3E **Olivia-Renee & Karmelo**
- 4D **Mikaela & Nile**
- 4T **Ava & Lael**
- 5B **Aleksandra & Zachary**
- 5C **Eliora & Cody**
- 6G **Atinuke & Matthew**
- 6P **Annalisa & Leonardo**

Congratulations to all the children. I am sure that they will fulfil their roles well.

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Liturgy and Assembly time

Thank-you to all the parents of children in Class 5B who shared a simple and prayerful liturgy together yesterday morning. Next Thursday 19th September there will be a liturgy with Class 5C. Parents with children in that class are invited to join them at 9.30am.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Antonia in 3A, Chikezie in 3E, Mikaela in 4D, Mirah in 4T, Ireayomide in 5B, Williams in 5C, Isla in 6G and Jeremiah in 6P. The swimmer of the week is Alexandra in 4T. The Head of School's award goes to Antonia in 3A. The kindness award goes to Ariela in 6P.

I wish you a peaceful and prayerful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald
Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

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