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YEAR OF PEACE

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER NO. 1

4th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and precious time together as families.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members of staff in Year 1, Miss Hooker and Mr Eastmond. We are delighted to have them join us, and I know you will join me in making them feel very welcome as part of our school community.

A special welcome, too, to all our new parents, carers and children who are beginning their learning journey with us. We are thrilled to welcome you to our St. Mary's family and hope that you will quickly feel at home within our school community. If you have any questions or need any support as you settle in, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, who will be very happy to help or guide you towards the support you need.

I am sorry that I have been unable to be in school for the past two days. Sadly, my wonderful grandfather recently passed away at the remarkable age of almost 101, and I have been attending his funeral and spending this important time with my family. I am very grateful for everyone's understanding.

In my absence, Mr François Williams has been keeping me updated and has shared how wonderfully the children have settled into their new classes and, most importantly, how pleased they are to be back at school. It has been lovely to hear about their smiling faces lighting up the school and the joy of seeing friends again and playing together at breaktimes.

There is already a wonderful sense of excitement and positivity around the start of the new term. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to all the learning, friendships, achievements and new experiences it will bring.

Here's to a happy, successful and exciting new school year for our whole St. Mary's community!

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the school office by phone on **0208 688 2891** or email office@st-mary-inf.croydon sch.uk

You can leave a message if calling outside of office hours or speak directly to a member of the office staff during school hours.

If you do not report your child's absence by 9:30 a.m. you will receive a call from the school asking you to explain your child's absence.

When your child returns to school, please provide a written explanation for their absence.

Thank you



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AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Our Afterschool Club is now up and running **3.25-6pm every week day** during term time. Each afternoon will be filled with different activities including- Zumba, yoga, sports, arts, crafts, games, cooking, gardening and so much more.

For enquires please email on

afterschool@st-mary-jun-croydon.sch.uk.

Cost of the 2.5 hours **is £12.50** and booking can be made via ParentPay once you have registered.

EARRINGS

Can I please remind you that we have a **NO EARRING POLICY** at school. This is to ensure your child's safety. We will allow small silicone earrings, that you can get from the school office if you require them.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please also ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day.

Our school uniform is a Blue collared T shirt (available in most super markets)

Royal blue sweatshirt with our school Logo (available from Hewitt's in Croydon)

Dark Grey trousers for boys (available in most super markets)

Navy Blue trousers, skirts or pinafore dress for girls (available in most super markets)

PE KITS

Royal Blue shorts or Navy Tracksuit bottoms

White T Shirt with the school Logo (available from Hewitt's in Croydon)

Trainers

PE DAYS

Monday: St Bernadette and St Therese Classes

Tuesday: St Andrew Class,

Wednesday: St George Class

Thursday: St Francis and St Martin Classes

SWIMMING DAYS – Children can come dressed in their PE on a swimming day to make it easier to changing

Thursday Year 2

Friday Year 1



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REMINDER

Curriculum Information meeting

Curriculum information meetings will be held after school next week at 3.45pm

These meetings will give you information on what your child will be learning this year and ideas of how you can help them at home. They will be held in year groups on the following dates.

Year 2 – Tuesday 22nd September

Year 1 -Wednesday 23rd September

The meeting will only be for half an hour after school and staff will look after the pupils who attend the Infant school whilst you are at the meeting. **If you have junior children you will need to make additional arrangements for them, please.**



SeeSaw

As many of you are aware, we use the Seesaw learning platform to share your child's wonderful learning experiences and achievements. To stay updated, please download the Seesaw app and use the QR code provided by your child's class teacher to log in. If you are having difficulties, please speak to your child's class teacher for assistance.

You can respond to posts and send messages, but please note that messages and responses will only be monitored during school hours.



A word from the Saints

'The Church has the mission to proclaim reconciliation.

St John Paul 11

Dear Lord,

Please help us always to be ready to make peace and to be reconciled with our friends, neighbours and with you- to live together in harmony and happiness.

Amen

God Bless you all and have a wonderful weekend



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