



St Mary's Newsletter



October 2017



It has been a fantastic start to the New Year. All our children are settling well and happy in their learning. Already we have enjoyed a superb performance where our choir performed at Royston's Creative Arts Finale Concert. I am very proud and happy to be their Head Teacher, well done to all!



Harvest Baskets

We always conclude our first half term with our special Harvest Mass. This gives the whole school community the chance to give thanks to the Lord for the Harvest and raise money for our brothers and sisters in Uganda as part of the Kanyike Project. We ask you to make a harvest basket and send it into school on Friday 20th October, we then sell the baskets after school, all of the money raised is sent to the Kanyike project. If you wish to reserve your basket please label this clearly on the basket with your child's name. For more information about the charity please visit <http://www.kanyike-project.co.uk/>



Information Evening



We would like to invite you to an information evening to share our school vision and initiatives, Growth Mindset & Outside Learning. This will be held on Wednesday 11th October from 7-9pm. We hope to see you there.



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Friends of St Mary's News

- A Big thank you to Marshalls Estate Agents, TWC Solicitors, The Heath Sports Club, Britton School of Performing Arts and everyone that turned up to the Family Fun Day and helped support the school. The Friends of St Mary's are very grateful as we couldn't have done it without you, much appreciated.
- We managed to raise a respectable £1,512.56 and still have over £200 of stock left to be used for other events.
- There were 126 sweeties in the sweetie jar, the winner of which was Joseph Cartwright from Year 1. His guess of 122 sweets was the closest. Congratulations Joseph
- The winner of the aeroplane competition was Hannah Price's Uncle Stephen with a colossal flight of 2390cm! Well Done Stephen! Please collect your certificate from the office.

New Committee!

We have successfully formed a new committee for The Friends of St Mary's as follows:

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| Chair | Mr Andrade |
| Secretary | Mrs A Cartwright |
| Treasurer | Mrs Reeve & Mrs Long |
| Publicity | Mrs Parker |

A Huge Thank You to the outgoing committee, James Yarrow, Sharon O'Toole and Anne Williams for your fantastic fundraising over the years and your tireless work for all our children.



Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming two new Teaching Assistants to our team. Mrs Bernedo-Nunez and Mrs Bell started working with us from the beginning of October.



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Play Equipment

Please be reminded that children must not play on the apparatus before or after school.



Thank you for your continued support regarding the Car Park, please continue to show care, understanding and consideration for everyone as you park sensibly and safely.



School Website

Just a reminder that we are using twitter to update class pages on the school website. You do not need to have your own twitter account to see the updates, you can simply click on the 'class pages' heading on the website and see what the children have been doing during the day, as well as any spelling lists or homework reminders. Please visit <http://.stmarysroyston.co.uk/> also there is some Esafety information that you might find helpful at <http://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/curriculum/e-safety> as well as the Herts Esafety newsletter under the 'news' section.



**St Mary's
Catholic Primary
School**

Congratulations!

St Mary's came 2nd in the Tesco's grant allocation. We have been awarded £2,000 which will be used to furnish and resource the outside classroom, A big thank you to everyone who supported St Mary's.



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Every little helps



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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

A warm welcome from the Chair of Governors



So with the summer holidays behind us a new school year gets underway. I hope everybody is settling in to the new (or not so new!) routine after an enjoyable and relaxing break.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a particularly warm welcome to the new families and children who have joined St Marys for the first time.

Briefly, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of developments that have taken place over the summer. The outdoor classroom is now complete and is just awaiting seating, and the Sensory garden is in the process of being completed. Both of these new facilities will link to - and support our plans for - outdoor learning and growth mindset, with the goal of giving the children even more opportunity to learn, develop and grow in an exciting environment. I look forward to seeing them being used as the year progresses.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all St Marys children an enjoyable and successful year ahead.

John Williams – Chair of Governors

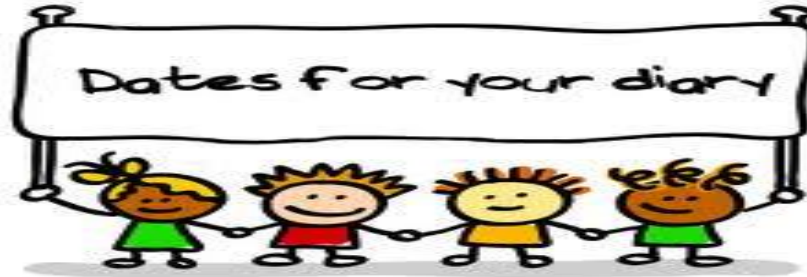
*To learn more about who the governors are, what they do, and how to get in touch:
please visit <https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/our-school/governors>*



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DATES

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| Tuesday 3 rd October | Y4 Cuffley Meeting, 2.45pm |
| Thursday 5 th October | Y6 Scarborough Meeting, 2.45pm |
| Monday 9 th October | Art day, whole school |
| Tuesday 10 th October | Football Years 5 & 6, 9 aside |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Parent Information Eve, 7 - 9pm |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Parents evening, 6 - 8pm |
| Thursday 19 th October | Parents evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm |
| Friday 20 th October | Harvest Mass, 2pm |

Half Term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

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| Monday 30 th October | School photos, whole school |
| Tuesday 31 st October | Open Morning, 10 - 12noon |