



ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE

School Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2015

Happy New Year

I do hope you all had a wonderful break. It is great to be starting my second year at St Mary's and to know everyone now!

Here are some gentle reminders to get us all into good habits again:

- School starts at 9.00 and children need to be ready to start at 9.00. Our registers close at 9.05 (please see the letter we sent out on Tuesday for more information)
- In this cold weather, all children need to wear full winter uniform and have a suitable coat. Hats, scarves and gloves may be needed too. Please remember that every item of clothing needs to be named in case it gets lost.
- Year 3 and Year 5 are swimming this term—please remember your swimming kits on a Thursday
- School PE kits need to be in school ready for PE lessons—please check with your child's classteacher which day(s) that will be
- Children all have red reading diaries to help them to read at home. Please read with your child, or encourage them (if they are older) to read themselves. It makes a huge difference to every curriculum subject.
- School finishes at 3.15 for all children, unless they are in a club. Please come and collect your children promptly, and check the finishing times of clubs as necessary.
- Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast before school, so they are alert and ready to learn, and if they have a packed lunch please make sure that is healthy too. Sandwiches, pasta, salads, yoghurts, fruit and cereal bars are all appropriate items for a lunch box. Please avoid chocolate, crisps, fizzy drinks and any fast food. Thank you very much.

Parenting Courses

There are a wide range of parenting courses on offer this term in our area, including:

- Strengthening families and strengthening communities (for parents of children 3 to 18)
- Group Triple P (for parents of children under 12)
- Group Teen Triple P (for parents of children from 12 to 16)
- Group Teen Triple P in Arabic (for parents of children from 12 to 16)
- Circle of Security (for parents of children under 5)
- My baby and me (for parents of babies under 1)
- Me and my two year old (for parents of children aged 2)

If you are interested in any of these courses, please speak to Mrs Leith for more details.

Thank you...

... for supporting the Christmas Fair—it was a real triumph and everyone had a great time
...for buying books at the book fair, which helps raise money for school books
...for coming along to our Christmas plays and services; the children really loved being able to perform for you
...for responding to our requests for questionnaires and interviewees for our SIAMS inspection (report to come soon, I hope) and for all your encouragements
...for all your cards, good wishes and gifts—you are all so generous



This term, we will be learning about COMPASSION in our assemblies and thinking about ways we can show love to one another, and also to our brothers and sisters all around the world. I know the children will have lots of wonderful and thoughtful ideas, and I look forward to hearing them. With all best wishes for the new year

By Norman

Emily Norman—Headteacher

