



# ST MARY'S BRYANSTON SQUARE

## School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2015

### Year 3 at the Wallace Collection

Yesterday, Year 3 visited the Wallace Collection to look at works of Art from the past and create their own Art. Today, they are writing about the Art they saw, developing their writing skills further.

Here they are on their trip:



### Project Paddington

Well done to everyone who has contributed teddies and soft toys for the Syrian refugees.

Here are some of the toys the children have donated:



I know that the children who will receive these will love them very much. You can find out more about the project here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a18k13Qt80Y>

### Homework

By now, your child should have received his/her homework. It was given out yesterday, so please check if you haven't yet seen it. In order to support families with completing the homework, we are running the following homework support:

Thursday—drop-in for parents to discuss homework with Mrs Leith

Friday—Y5/6 homework club with Ms Dillon

Monday—Y3/4 homework club with Mrs McSherry  
Every child in the school is expected to complete his/her homework. Please speak to the classteacher, Mrs Leith or Mrs McSherry if you have any questions about the homework. We hope that the new system will be helpful for parents, and will help children with their school learning.

### Golden Assembly Dates

Fri 25th Sept	Year 5
Fri 2nd Oct	Year 4
Fri 9th Oct	Year 3
Fri 16th Oct	Year 2
Thurs 22nd Oct	Church—9.15

### Attendance

As we start a new school year, please can we all make sure we get into good habits of attendance. Last year, school attendance dropped below the expected level of 96%. It is crucial that every child comes to school every day, so that he/she doesn't miss out on valuable learning time. We are having a weekly competition for classes with the best attendance—so far Year 5 and Year 2 have won this. Well done!

If you want to apply for time off during the term, please write to us **in advance**. We can only authorise absence for:

- Sickness and medical reasons
- Visits to schools/ educational activities
- *Exceptional* circumstances

We cannot authorise any time off for holidays; please look carefully at the school term dates and book holidays within these times.

Punctuality in the school is much better—let's all work together to achieve excellent attendance too!

I hope you enjoy your weekend. Will any of you be watching the rugby world cup?

All best wishes,

Emily Norman—Headteacher