



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th February 2016

International Day

On Friday 26th February, it will be our annual International Day. Children (and adults) can dress in clothes from their home countries—either a national costume or the colours of the flag. If any families would be willing to run a stall showcasing the food and culture of their home countries, this would be hugely appreciated.

Please contact the Friends on fosma@googlegroups.com or via the school office for more information.



Year 3 Greek Day

On Wednesday, Year 3 dressed up as Greeks and built models of the Parthenon to enhance their History Topic. They have even been learning how to write in Ancient Greek!



Girls' Football Tournament

On Tuesday, a group of girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Westminster girls' football tournament at Paddington Rec. They came 3rd in their group and Ms Granite was really pleased with the way they played, and conducted themselves. Here is the team in action:



Parent View—please take part!

One of the most important pieces of evidence Ofsted look at when visiting a school is the views of parents via Parent View. Thank you to the 9 parents who have responded so far, however there needs to be at least 10 in order to provide feedback. Last time we had an Ofsted inspection, 42 parents responded. It would be great if we could do even better this time! Please go online and complete the online questionnaire. We can help you get online if this is a problem.

Go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and use the school's postcode W1H 1DL to find St Mary's.

Thank you very much—we really appreciate your support.

Teaching and Learning Review

We had a review of our teaching and learning on 26th January. It went very well, with some great feedback. If you would like to know more, there is information on our 'Ofsted update' page on the school website. Please support us by helping your child with their handwriting and presentation as this is a key area for us to improve.

Coffee Mornings

- 24th Feb: '**Sugar Swaps**' Our School Nurse is coming in to provide factual information, tips and advice on Healthy Eating
- 2nd March: '**Play, Sleep and Memory**' Our Educational Psychologist, Alex Haswell, is leading this excellent talk
- 9th March: '**Health Checkers**'- **Joanne Yeung, NHS Health technician** is visiting to give us information about this new FREE NHS Health Check Session for adults in the local area.
- 16th March: '**Top Parenting Tips**' Raymond Mitchell, one of our local Parenting Practitioners is presenting top tips to help families with common dilemmas at home.

I wish you all a very happy half term holiday. Thank you for all your support and for making St Mary's such a wonderful place to work and learn.

Next term, we will be learning about Abraham in our assemblies, and about the British Value of 'Tolerance of other Faiths and Beliefs'. Come and find out more every Friday at 2.45!

Emily Norman—Headteacher