



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Friday 15th September 2017

### Settling into Early Years

Our Nursery children have been settling quickly into the F1 routine, and have already made delicious apple pie with the apples growing in their garden! They had to go and buy the ingredients for the pastry first—here they are going to the shops and making the pie:



### Introducing...

Jade Clarke-Harding, our new Attendance and Early Help Officer, from Westminster.



She will be at school once a week to check on attendance, and support families who are having difficulties getting their children to school regularly. She will also be joining us in reminding everyone of the importance of getting to school

by 9.00. With assembly at the start of the day, it is even more important that children are on time.

### School Uniform Reminder

Please can I remind you of the following uniform rules:

- F2 children should now be wearing the same uniform as F1—ie tracksuit trousers/ leggings, polo shirt & sweat-shirt or cardigan
- ALL children (boys & girls) with hair longer than shoulder length should tie their hair up for safety reasons
- The only earrings which can be worn are studs (not hoops), again for safety reasons
- Cotton shirts should be tucked in at all times; polo shirts do not need to be tucked in

### Autumn Term Dates:

#### Golden Assemblies

Friday 22nd September—Y5  
Friday 29th September—Y3  
Friday 6th October—Y4  
Friday 13th October—Y2  
Friday 20th October—Y1



#### Advance Dates

Parents Evenings—week commencing 16th October  
Harvest Festival in church—Thursday 19th October  
End of term— Friday 20th October **at 3.15pm**

Term restarts on Tuesday 31st October at 9.00  
Christmas Carol Service—14th December at 2.00

EYs Christmas Play—15th December at 1.45

KS1 Christmas Play—18th December at 1.45

KS2 Christmas Play—19th December at 1.45

**End of term - Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm**

**School restarts on Wednesday 3rd January at 9.00**

### Parents' Coffee Morning— THURSDAYS from 28th Sept

28th September, at 9-10:

'A Welcome for all Parents New to St Mary's School'

Meet a selection of school staff as well as members of the PTA - the Friends of St Mary's - and find out what they do, ask any questions that have come to light in the first week or so, have refreshments and meet other parents. All welcome, whether old or new!

### Air Pollution

St Mary's was mentioned in the Evening Standard again as the school with the highest air pollution levels in London. However, we have monitored air quality INSIDE the school which is lower than on the street, and we are extremely proactive in combatting air pollution (please see our website for details). The best thing parents can do is *not drive to school*. If you do, please park away from school and switch off your engine. Friday is national 'NO CAR DAY' and we would love you to try and leave your car at home that day. Thank you for your support.



Wishing you a safe, peaceful weekend.

Emily Norman, Headteacher