



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Friday 9th February 2018

### Year 2—Florence Nightingale Day

Yesterday Year 2 celebrated the end of their History topic with a Florence Nightingale dress up day. The children had fun consolidating their learning through a variety of activities. These included: learning basic first aid with our own Florence Nightingale (Mrs Kennedy), creating the royal Red Cross which was a medal awarded to Florence by Queen Victoria, role play at tidying the Scutari hospital so it was hygienic and finally designing a poster advertising for doctors and nurses, thinking about words that describe them.



### Girls' Football—Year 5 and 6

On Tuesday 6th February, 11 girls from year 5 and 6 went to Paddington Rec to compete in the girls football tournament. Everyone played superbly (we did not lose a game!). We won 2 games and drew 3, with Sara scoring 2 goals and Jenin 1 goal. Well done to the whole team for a great day out!



### RE Quality Mark—Gold Award

We are really pleased to have been awarded the Gold standard RE quality mark. This is the top of three challenging levels, and is only given to schools with very high quality RE teaching. It is a great achievement for St Mary's, and a real encouragement that we are continuing to go from strength to strength as a school. We are very proud of our children's abilities to talk about each other's beliefs and the level of understanding and respect they have for each other.



### Coffee Mornings & Messages

**Coffee morning** on Wednesday 21st- Understanding food labels, run by a visiting workshop leader coming from Westminster Adult Education and we need a good number of sign-ups for this to be worth running.

**Parents of Year 3 & 4 : Keeping Your Child Safe from Harm**—talk from the School Nurse **9am Thursday 22 Feb**  
Also-

#### Dr Bike and Kit sale on Thursday 22nd

Cycle training starting soon so please get your bikes ready. Bring in your bikes that are in need of repair at drop off time and collect them at hometime! No charge! What's not to love?! Sign up sheet in the office.

### Safety and Contact Books

You may have noticed that the door into the Early Years now has an electronic lock. This is to protect our children and keep them even safer. Access to the Early Years is for staff only—parents, please drop your children at the classroom door (or office if you arrive late).



There are now contact books for every class, where parents can write down any messages or requests to meet with the classteacher. These are outside each classroom (or outside the Music Room for Year 5 and 6) before school, so do please make use of these.

### Dates—Spring Term

**SCHOOL RESTARTS ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00**

**Parents Evenings are on 20th—22nd February.**

#### Special Weeks and Days coming up:

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March

Family Week - March 5th -9th

Mothering Sunday—Sunday 11th March. Special service in church with the choir singing and cupcakes for everyone!

Science Week—March 12th—16th

#### Golden Assemblies:

23rd February—Year 6

2nd March—F2

9th March—Family Week

16th March—Science Week

23rd March—Year 4

**Have a wonderful half term,**  
**Emily Norman, Headteacher**