



Date: Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note we now have a new school telephone number - **0191 5228787**.



SCHOOL OFFICE RECEPTION

School Office Reception hours are from 8.30am. until 4pm. Enquires between 4pm and 4.30pm can still be dealt with via the school office.

ECO CLUB – GIANT WALK TO SCHOOL



Our Giant Spring Walk from Barnes Park to school will take place on **Wednesday, 28th March 2018**. Please meet outside the Barnes Park café at 8.10am. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there.

Unicef - Article 31

All children have the right to relax and play, and to join a wide range of activities.

EGGBOLA COFFEE MORNING

It is that "egg" citing time of year again when our Eggbola Coffee Morning will take place. This will be held in the school hall on **Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 9am**. The choir and musicians will be performing on the morning. All welcome.

Please, please, please! We need Easter Eggs for the 'EGGBOLA' small, medium or large, any donation will be much appreciated. Thank you for your support.



PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent's Evenings will take place on:

Wednesday 21st March 2018

– Reception (session 1) and Y1

Thursday 22nd March 2018

– Reception (session 2), Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5
If you have not already done so, please contact the school office on **0191 553 6087** to arrange your appointment. Thank you

March 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
19 Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 5 – P.E. Day	20 Yr 4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Yr 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year 4 – P.E. Day	21 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Year 3 – P.E. Day	22 Year 6 P.E. Day	23 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3 Year 1 & 2 – P.E. Day	24	25
26 Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm NO MUSIC LESSONS - THIS WEEK Year 5 – P.E. Day	27 Yr 4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Yr 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year 4 – P.E. Day	28 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Yr 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Year 3 – P.E. Day	29 Year 6 P.E. Day	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31	1

School closes Thursday 29th March 3.30pm and will re-open Monday 16th April 2018



Holidays – School Closed



After- School Clubs



Sports Events



INSET Day – School Closed



Music Lessons



P.E Days



Bank Holiday – School Closed



PACKED LUNCHES

Please note: If you wish your child to change to packed lunches, you must request this in writing to Mrs Galbraith. Please give your reason for change and please wait until you have received a reply before your child can change from a school meal to a packed lunch.

Thank you

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

If you change address, telephone/mobile number or any other circumstances change, please inform the school office immediately, in order that your details can be updated.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

From 1st September 2013, DFE amended the regulations surrounding holidays in term time. The DFE has removed references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. These make it clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. From 1st September 2013 applications for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you for all your support for our World Book Day activities which were a resounding success. The children enjoyed dressing up as book characters, taking part in the sponsored read and have adults share their favourite book with them. The Book Club was also very successful with £1000 worth of books sold which has led to £600 worth of books in commission for the school, brilliant! Well done everyone and thank you.

RAFFLE – READING PILLOWS

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the reading pillows - £180 profit was made. The winners are

Mickey Mouse pillow - John Chambers EYFS/KS1
Harry Potter pillow - Heidi Scarth - KS2

YEAR GROUP MASSES

Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to attend year group Masses which they will plan and prepare. Masses will be held in the **School Hall at 9.30am** and parents/carers of the relevant year groups are very welcome to attend.

Thursday 22nd March 2018 Y5

Thursday 19th April 2018 Y4

Please do join us in worship if you can – we'd love to see you!

PTA NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 23rd June 2018 – Summer fayre

100 CLUB

Please ensure that all £5 payments are made (via bank transfer or cash to school office)

If you would like to take part in the 100 club, please email your contact details to pta@smrc.school

EQUIPPED FOR SCHOOL

All children are encouraged to come to school fully equipped for the school day. Any items dropped into the school office i.e. lunchbox, snacks, homework, PE kit, musical instruments and jackets etc., will not be taken to the child's class until lunchtime as the main reception needs to be manned at all times. This will stop classes being disturbed due to the distribution of these items.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Mary's RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We politely request that all parents, carers, contractors and visitors to school respect our safeguarding culture of vigilance.

Please help us to keep our school community safe and support school in reporting any concerns and/or inappropriate behaviour or actions through the appropriate channels.