



Through our Christian values of **love, peace and hope** we work together
and play together to be the best we can be.

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Parents/Carers

As a reminder, as part of our school development priorities this year we would like to invite parents into school even more. As part of our strategy we are introducing **Wednesday Workshops**. These are a range of parent workshops aimed at different year groups each week, some with children some without. The workshops will be held on a Wednesday during the school day. They are going to be held in the school hall between 9.15 and 11.00 but many will be no more than an hour. The workshops for the Autumn Term are set out below, further details will follow for each one.

Wednesday 4th October	Year 1 Phonics workshop
Wednesday 11th October	Reception Phonics workshop
Wednesday 18th October	Y6 Expectations and SATs
Wednesday 25th October	Reception Mastering Number
Wednesday 8th November	Y2 Expectations and No SATs
Wednesday 15th November	Y3 Reading
Wednesday 22nd November	Y4 Maths and the Multiplication Check
Wednesday 29th November	Y5 Reading
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 Maths
Wednesday 13th December	Year 3 Maths

The first session is next Wednesday and a letter will be sent by the Year 1 team with any additional details.

Thank you to everyone who attended Celebration Collective Worship today. It was lovely to see so many of you and your participation was greatly appreciated. As you are aware, we have made the decision to have our celebration fortnightly so that year group collective worship and concerts can start promptly when they are scheduled. Our first year group collective worship will be held on Friday 20th October—Year 5 Black History. We ask that where possible only one parent/carer attends year group collective worship as both classes work together to present their performance which can involve up to 60 children.

Next week we shall be celebrating Harvest Festival with some children leading our in school service. Whilst this is not a year group collective worship we would still appreciate contributions of harvest food. We will pass on all donations to local food banks. We appreciate all contributions of food both small and large. If you wish to send in fresh food please do so on Friday 6th October, all other food donations should be sent into school between Monday 2nd October and Thursday 5th October.

Thank you to Mrs Bains for organising the Macmillan coffee morning today. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff who contributed cakes.

Have a great weekend
Mrs Booker

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The Fioretti team enjoyed spending a day, at the beginning of term, at St Mary's as they undertook their annual monitoring assessment. Claire Grainger (Head of Trust) and Deidre Leeming (Vice-Chair of Trustees) thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes, speaking with pupils and staff. They were impressed by the behaviours and engagement of the pupils; the children are great ambassadors for Handsworth! The key priorities, that the team have set to drive further improvements, are relevant and reflect how well the school leaders know the areas for development. The team is led well by Mrs Booker and together with her senior leaders, they are working effectively to enhance school improvement for 2023/24.

Thank you to Team St Mary's for all their hard work and commitment, most definitely a positive start to this academic year.



School Councillors 2023 - 2024

- 2R - Sana & Zuhaib
- 2M - Kieriso & Khulud
- 3S - Sakina & Ubaid
- 3H - Taio & Kyra
- 4H - Caleb & Reneya
- 4FT - Imana & Jaiden
- 5W - Lydia & Inaaya
- 6B - D'shae
- 6W - Rayda
- 6CS - Anaya & Harrison

Theme of the week

Harvest Festival

You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour.

Exodus 23:16

Our British Values

for the following week will be;

Individual Liberty
Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

Children break up on
Friday 27 October 2023
and return to school on
Monday 6 November 2023

Don't forget to order lunches in advance