



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

Welcome back! We have had a busy summer of building work and we are really pleased with the playground in particular. The frosting to the windows in the entrance and the hall have really lifted the front of the building. The children have a new mural to engage with in the downstairs corridor and Early Years all have canopies so that they can be outside come rain or shine. The nursery has new windows ready for the winter too. There has been some paint work alongside new signage and we are all set for the new academic year. In addition some of our wonderful parents finished the work that they had started in the nursery outdoor area. We were already so thankful to them, as noted in the last newsletter, but wow what a difference now!

Thank you for sending your children back looking so smart in their uniform. P.E. kit should also be uniform kit. Please ensure that children have a white or blue t-shirt /polo shirt , black joggers and/or shorts and a pair of trainers or pumps. We do still have some good quality used uniform in stock, thanks to Mr Khutan for laundering and bagging the uniform. If you have any good quality uniform that your children have grown out of please bring it to school for the next uniform exchange.

There will be a slight change to Celebration Collective Worship this year. We will be holding our celebration fortnightly starting on the 15th September 2023. This will enable Year Group led Collective worships, Concerts and Hymn Practices to take place on the alternate weeks. It will also mean that parents who need to attend work or college will not need to be in attendance for such long periods.

Please ensure that school meals are booked and paid for in advance. If your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 they are entitled to universal free school meals. If your child is in year 3,4,5 or 6 their meals must be paid for. If you are entitled to free school meals due to being in receipt of certain benefits please notify Miss Francis in the school office. School is able to increase the budget based on how many pupils are eligible for free school meals of this nature. If you aren't sure then Miss Francis can check for you , even if your child is in receipt of universal school meals but you fulfil the criteria then this will help school and in turn the pupils.

Many of our Year 6 pupils are visiting Whitemoor Lakes on Monday. They have a very packed day and leave school promptly at 7.30 a.m. They spend 12 hours away from school completing a range of outdoor pursuits. We hope that they have a brilliant time, build some great relationships and make wonderful memories . Pupils who have opted to remain in school should wear their PE kits on Monday as they will spend some time outdoors too.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new reception and nursery children on Monday.
Have a great weekend
Mrs Booker

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A warm welcome to our children and families!

At the beginning of the new academic year, it is the perfect opportunity to remind our school communities that they are part of a bigger family – the Fioretti Family!

Why are we called Fioretti?

Fioretti means “little flowers” and is the title given to a collection of stories about Saint Francis. The Trust was established in 2016 and the founding school is St Francis. The trustees wished to give a subtle acknowledgement to the founding school and therefore decided to create a name with a connection to St Francis.

Fioretti: little flowers – flourishing together.

Our aim: Through its vision and practice, each school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling children and adults to flourish.

It's been a busy time at St Mary's over the summer holidays. The trustees were delighted to support the governors and leadership team with a number of projects. I'm sure Mrs Booker will give you updates in her part of the newsletter! It's been a pleasure visiting all schools this week: the training INSET days were busy, yet productive for the staff. There is a great buzz around each school. I look forward to sharing updates on our collaborative working projects and our shared priorities as the term progresses. Have a good weekend, Claire Grainger. Head of Trust.



Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work on Friday 15 September 2023. Parent/Carers are welcome to attend. This week's St Mary's Superstars are:

Early Years

Nur -

RM - RJ -

Key Stage 1

1J - Whole Class, Horizon 1N - Whole Class, Rumaysa

2M - Isabella, Bryson 2R - Callum, Akasha

Key Stage 2

3H - Aryan, Taio 3S - Joshua, Mohammad

4FT - Othniel, Muawiyah 4H - Chandraprabha, Amelia

5SH - Jasmine, Aayat 5W - Abdullah, Amayah

6B - Kene, Karan 6CS - Ariz, Paychence

6W - Naifa, Hassan

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

Kind and Thoughtful

Our anti-bullying strategies

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and a badge.

Early Years/KS1: Mohamadou - 1J

Amelia - 2R

Key Stage 2:

David - 6W

Lithika - 4FT

Theme of the week

New Beginnings

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Mathematician of the Week

These certificates will be given to children in their classroom by the Maths lead each Monday

Early Years

Nur -

RM - RJ -

Key Stage 1

1J - Musaab, Omarie 1N - Rumaysa, Tiyebe

2M - Kieriso, Judah 2R - Zuhaib, Ayaan

Key Stage 2

3H - Amaya, Hashir 3S - Sakina, Khiarna

4FT - Lithika, Dua 4H - Chandraprabha, Jaziah

5SH - Imaan, Abdullah 5W - Taylan, Zakariya

6B - Abishek, Zayaan 6CS - Ariz, Harrison

6W - Davarai, Nereyah