

St Mary Cray Primary Academy

Summer Term 2

21st July 2023



Half Term Holiday 16th October – 27th October		
November		
Wed	1	Open Morning #2 for Reception Sep '24 @ 10am
Fri	3	PTA Monster Mash Up Disco <i>KS1 2:15-3:15pm, KS2 3:30-4:30pm</i>
Tue	7	Open Evening for Reception Sep '24 @ 6pm
Tue	14	Swimming Gala @ Beckenham Spa <i>Selected pupils to attend - parents will be informed via letter</i>
Fri	17	Year 5 Trip to Greenwich Royal Observatory <i>Please register your consent and make payment via ParentPay</i>
Thu	23	PTA Family Quiz Night – Kids Invited! 4:30 – 6pm
December		
Fri	1	PTA Christmas Fair
Wed	13	School Christmas Lunch <i>FREE – Must be prebooked. Further details TBC</i>
Mon	18	Science Fair
Mon	18	Christmas Surprise
Break up for Christmas and New Year Break 20th December		
INSET DAY Wed 3rd January – Children not in school		



Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all of our children and families who have supported the new Reception class joining us. When we return after half term all of our children will be making their own way to class!

Today we celebrated our amazing children in school and shared the success of three different sporting trips our children have taken part in, Y5/6 netball, Y1 gymnastics and a mixed year group panathlon. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have joined with other schools to share plans for how we can promote safer travel to and from school. At St Mary Cray we want our children to be looking for new experiences, I cannot wait to hear about some of the exciting things many of you have planned for the next two weeks!

I would like to wish all of our families and staff a safe and restful half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 30th October. I have had the pleasure of giving a free book to those children who have shown a passion for reading and their names have gone up on our reading tree. If any parents are able to support over the next two weeks, the PTA are decorating and fitting out our new school library. Please see dojo message in regard to this.

Have a lovely half term!

Mr Jamieson



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Excellence Award Winners – Summer Term 1

Well done and congratulations to all of our Excellence Award winners this half term!



Breakfast and After School Club

Please be advised that the booking window for sessions next half term HAS NOW CLOSED.

Any sessions required during this time will be charged as adhoc.

Contracted Booking Deadlines for AY 2023-24

Please find below details of booking deadlines for contracted sessions for next academic year:

Term	Term Dates	Booking Window	
		Open	Closed
Autumn Term 1	Mon, 4th Sep to Fri, 13th Oct	05/06/2023	24/08/2023
Autumn Term 2	Mon, 30th Oct to Tues, 19th Dec	04/09/2023	06/10/2023
Spring Term 1	Thurs, 4th Jan to Fri, 9th Feb	30/10/2023	12/12/2023
Spring Term 2	Tues, 20th Feb to Thurs, 28th Mar	04/01/2024	02/02/2024
Summer Term 1	Mon, 15th Apr to Fri, 24th May	20/02/2024	22/03/2024
Summer Term 2	Mon, 3rd Jun to Weds, 24th July	15/04/2024	17/05/2024



Autumn Term Update

Our first half-term of 2023 has been remarkably busy with trips and events!

On **Tuesday 5th October** we travelled to Newstead Wood School to take part in a borough **Netball** Competition.

Our Year 6 pupils performed superbly against strong opposition to draw twice against St Peter and Paul and St James', winning against Farnborough and only losing once against Southborough. *These results put us 2nd in our group!*

Many congratulations to Annie Marie, Alexis, Lizzie, Jenell,, Unnati, William, Aswin, Star and Leo and a huge thank you to Mr Coy and Mrs Boyd for supporting the event.

On **Wednesday 4th October** we rented a lane at the Walnuts Leisure Centre pool to allow our **Swimming** team to practise for their forthcoming Swimming Gala in November.

The team went through a variety of events including the Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke alongside working on our relay technique. It was brilliant to see the talent and perseverance in a longer and deeper pool, and many thanks to Ms Paris, Mrs Boyd and our swimming coaches Mrs Peel and Mrs Sutherland for supporting across the morning.

Well done to Aswin, William, Heyls, Emily, Jenell, Ellie, Jacob, Dorian, Bryn (with the Year 6s the week after!), Oscar, Cassius, Joeliliane, Jennifer, Katie, Ivy, Star, Callum, Muhammad, Uhman, Unnati and Kesiena. But especially well done to the above Year 4s!

On **Tuesday 10th October**, our **Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs)** travelled to Bromley to represent their school at the borough JTA event.

Ivy, Ronnie and Ehan met with their counterparts from many local schools to discuss how we can promote safer crossings on roads throughout the borough and how to promote to children that they should *walk, scoot, or bike to school*. They were even presented with their JTA badges by the Mayor of Bromley!! We cannot wait to see what information they have to give us in November; the team already have displays and assemblies planned for us!

Thank you to Ms Mills and Mrs Nicholson for leading the trip.

On **Wednesday 11th October**, our **KS1 Gymnastics** team took part in a Gymnastics show at Bromley Gymnastics Centre.

Many schools attended and we all took part in a mass warm up at the beginning led by the main coach! After a quick break we were paired with St James' Primary School and set to work on our 6 activities: the children all performed beautifully during beam, floor, bar, bench, balance and springboard events!

Mrs Nicholson and Mr Harwood were so impressed with the endeavour of the children and how they represented us as a school. What an amazing job you did Faye R, Willow P, Alivia, Eden, Faye B, Laura, Lola, Simona and Tilly - but especially well done to Alivia and Simona who received a medal for their enthusiasm and hard work!

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On **Thursday 12th October**, our pupils took part in a **Sports Panathlon** at Coopers School.

We met bright and early at 9am before finding out what sporting events the morning had in store for us. Once we arrived we took part in a variety of sporting activities that included bean bag throwing, target games and a variety of different ball games. The children thoroughly

enjoyed themselves and we are already looking forward to our next event!

Well done to Henry, Dorian, Jack, Ruby and Harry for doing an amazing job and their wonderful behaviour, they most definitely deserved the medals they received.

Thank you so much to Mrs Mears, Miss Sharp and Miss Walker for organising.



Farewell to Chef Charmaine



Today we said a fond farewell to our Head Chef Charmaine, who has served many a delicious school lunch here at SMCPA. Charmaine was presented with some lovely messages and gifts made by the children in a short assembly, where staff & children wished her all the best of luck with her future endeavours. We will all miss her greatly (as well as her scrummy lasagne and cakes!)

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Community Events and News



Halloween Pumpkin Trail

14th - 29th October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in pumpkin pictures around the farm
Collect your prize from the Tea Room



£3 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk



HAUNTED HOBLINGWELL HALLOWE'EN

Woodland trail
Hunt activities

Learn about wildlife
Raffle draw 3pm

**Saturday
28 October
2023**

**Start 1 to 2pm
Finish 3pm**

FRIENDS OF HOBLINGWELL
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE

Just come along to register at Orpington Rugby Clubhouse
Entry £3 per child - Treat (or trick) for every participant!
All children must be accompanied by an adult
Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground
Leesons Way BR5 2QB

#HelloYellow for Young Minds



STAND OUT & SHOW UP

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10 October and show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

This month we celebrated #HelloYellow; children and staff came into school wearing all manner of yellow items to raise awareness.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you can do so either calling 0207 089 5050 or securely online youngminds.org.uk/donate

#HelloYellow

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Ringpull Donations Still Required!



Please could you save drink can ring pulls (pictured) for a local Scouts group for charity? They will be used to make items to sell; the money raised goes to Third World

countries to help provide medicine, clean water, vaccinations and food.

Please hand the ring pulls in to the School Office in an envelope or plastic bag.



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