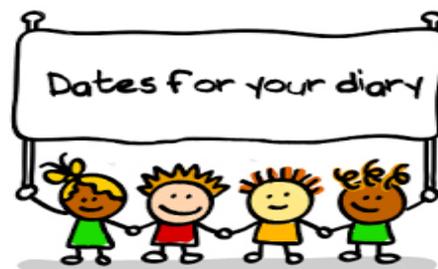


Autumn Term Dates 2019

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

September 2019		
Mon	9	After School Clubs begin this week
Wed	11	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	12	Year 6 Swimming
Wed	18	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	19	Year 6 Swimming
Wed	25	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	26	Year 6 Swimming
Thu	26	EYFS Read Write Inc. Parent Workshop @ 08:45am – 09:15am
October 2019		
Wed	2	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	3	Year 6 Swimming
Thu	3	School Photo Day
Wed	9	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	10	Hello Yellow – Wear something yellow into school to show support for Young Minds' World Mental Health Day
Thu	10	Year 6 Swimming
Wed	16	Year 2 Swimming
Thu	17	Year 6 Swimming
Mon	21	Start of October Half Term Holiday (2 weeks)
November 2019		
Mon	4	INSET day – children not at school
Tue	5	Autumn Term 2 Begins – Children Return to School





Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Welcome back!! I hope you have had a fantastic summer, and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we had. September always has an exciting feel. It's a time for new beginnings and opportunities. The children have settled back into school as if they have never been away. As I've walked around the school I have been so impressed with the attitude to learning and desire to succeed.

I would like to say a huge welcome to our new reception children and families. I have loved meeting everyone, and the reception team have told me how amazing the children are. We are very lucky to have such confident and happy children join us.

This year we are having a drive at reading for pleasure. Please spend time reading with your children, sharing stories and talking about what you have read. If you would like any book ideas please speak to your class teacher. And don't forget that we have Parents into reading on Thursdays 8.30 – 9.00am. We'd love to see you. If you would like to become a volunteer reader, please see a member of the school team. Finally, we need helpers for the PTA! More information will be following soon. If you can spare some time, please let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bild
Head of School

PTA

Would you like to join the PTA? We welcome you all to join us! Many hands make light work after all, but most importantly, we have fun! If you are able to help, please contact the school office.



Attendance



Well done to our 100% attendance winners, who all had a *magnifico* morning at Pizza Express, making and baking their own pizzas! If you too would like a 'pizza' the action, you need to be in to win. Every School Day Counts!



O.P.A.L

As you are aware, the school is now following the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) principle at lunchtime. For those who want an in-depth rationale behind the theory, please see <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>; however, in essence, lunchtime is going to become a lot more creative! A meeting will also be held later in the year with date to be confirmed.

As we spend one fifth of our school career outside playing, it is important to ensure that our children here have access to 'high quality play'; we aim to do this by allowing opportunities for climbing, building, problem solving, role-play and far more. As a result, we are requesting your help to provide us with playground equipment that we desperately need anything that you are planning on getting rid of:

- Dressing up equipment: small world and role play
- Tarpaulin and blankets/sheets and bedding
- Guttering, wooden planks or poles for building
- Old buggies
- Luggage
- Cooking utensils and pots and pans

- Old scooters and bikes
- Gardening equipment
- Working CDs of child appropriate music

Although these items may be destined for the tip, the play value to our children is immense and I thank you in advance for anything that you can provide. We do just ask that they are in a safe condition with no sharp edges, broken parts and washed if applicable.

Also, if there is anybody who is willing and able to help us build a 10 x 10ft sandpit, a water feature, outdoor storage for wellies and waterproofs and a mud kitchen, then please get in touch!

Finally, and to further the experience outside, we will **allow KS2 pupils to use their own scooter at lunchtimes** as we have purchased numerous play vehicles for EYFS and KS1.

SMCPA Local Governing Committee – Parent Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent member on our local governing committee and are looking for applicants to fill this important role.

Our Local Governing Committee

Each school within The Spring Partnership Trust has a governing body known as a Local Committee. The role of the Local Committee is to work in close partnership with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team in the management of the school. Local Committee Members (LCMs) take a full part in driving the improvement and culture of the school. (See governance section of school website:

<https://www.st-marycray.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=16>

About the role

The role requires a commitment to and an interest in education, but you do not have to be an education specialist.

Our Committee members bring a variety of skills, interests and backgrounds to the role and this can be very useful. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to attend meetings and play an active part in the Committee's work.

Local Committee members expected to undertake ongoing training to meet the needs of the role and are required to attend induction training within the first year.

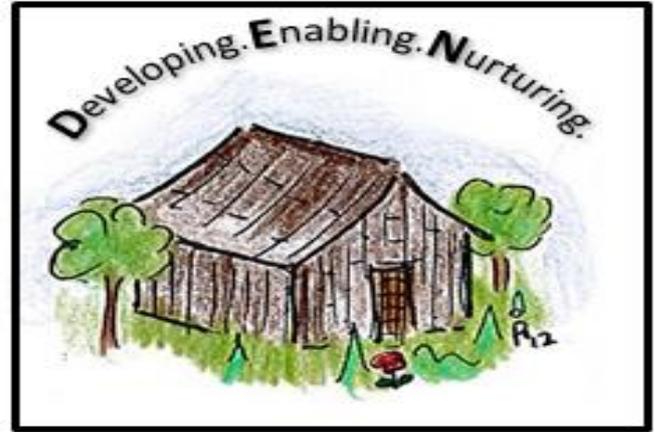
If you would like to apply for this rewarding role please send an email to: governingbody@st-marycray.bromley.sch.uk

Introducing the DEN!

Autumn 2019 sees the introduction of a range of enrichment activities, interventions and mentoring sessions that will benefit pupils in a range of different ways, in addition to the national curriculum.

Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy cookery, art, music and drama along with developing friendship skills and strategies to help them through school life and beyond.

The DEN team comprise of Mrs Ed', Mrs Carrick and Mrs De Castro who are all looking forward to working with the children in the DEN next term.



School Notices and Reminders

School Meal – Price Increase

As of **1st September 2019**, the price of school meals has increased to **£2.30 per child**. Please note school meal fees only apply to children in KS2; KS1 children will still receive Universal Free School Meals.



School Uniform

Going into the new school year, we would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure to **name ALL items of uniform**, especially school jumpers and PE kits. An enormous amount of jumpers made their way to lost property last year, the majority of which could not be returned to their rightful owners



Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school with them every day.



Welly Boot Donations Needed!

Do you have any Wellington boots at home which are too small for your children? If so, perhaps you would consider donating them to school? Please bring any spare Wellies to the School Office.



Flu Vaccination Forms

The NHS Flu Vaccination forms were sent home this week. Please could you ensure that you fill in the permission form and return to school as soon as possible, **even if you are declining the vaccination**.

