



Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome back to the new academic year at St Mary's. It has been a very busy time, with new staff coming in, and old staff returning. We had a very productive two weeks training and getting to know each other so we are a cohesive team here at St Mary's. Thank you all as always for

News:

Google classroom has now been set up for every class, so ask your child to show you their log in details, and you can support their learning by checking the homework due and any messages from their teachers etc.

The Portal is also a good way to keep in touch.

Mr Orlan will be inviting parents to an **orientation** for this, so please keep an eye out on the website for the information regarding this. Come along to find out how to use the platforms available to you so you can keep in touch and join us in your child's growth here at school.

The website is having a bit of an uplift, and we thank Mr Kriztian and Ms Patricia for his work on this. We are looking forward to more information and opportunities to find out about the school and our activities etc through the website.

Calendar:

The school calendar is available on the tab at the top of the website homepage. This is a guide and some dates may change due to outside influences, but it gives you a good idea of key dates.

PTA:

The PTA will need new volunteers as they move forward to being The Friends Association.

Please contact a member of the PTA or ask at the office.

Reading:

Don't forget reading is the key to success! Try to read every day with your child or even to them, this helps language development massively...

Get your free downloadable Reading top tips leaflet on the website under the Reading tab...



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Maths Corner:

Do you play maths games with your child?

Do you help them learn number bonds and tables whilst having fun?

Can your children work out the change you need at the shop?

Can they add up items and see if they have enough money?

Do you ever help them work out how long it will take to finish a journey?

All of these things will help your child's mathematical development, so please try to get them thinking like a mathematician every day in whatever you are doing....

Here are some sites that are good for helping a mathematician to develop their skills...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

http://coolsciencelab.com/speed_grid_multiplication.html



The biggest ever book sale is coming here to Dubai.

If you can make it to the sale there are guaranteed bargains, and you can stock up your bookshelves to ensure that your children love reading as much as we do!

Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.bigbadwolfbooks.com/ph/>

Healthy eating and the canteen:

We are very proud that the canteen achieved an 'A' rating in a recent inspection!!

Please remember to send **HEALTHY** food in lunchboxes.



E.g. fruit instead of biscuits, and baked food instead of fried food.

Fizzy or energy drinks are not allowed in school.

