



### This week in school...

**Year 6** - we have been busy settling into our new class and taking on the responsibilities associated with being in the top class. We have quickly settled into our work, producing some very sound Maths and Language skills. In our History lesson we started our Autumn Term topic on The Edwardians and in Science we have been looking at the Planets and the Solar System.

**Year 5** - we have been settling into the new school year with all the expectations of being Upper Juniors. In Maths we have been revising column addition and subtraction - doing lots of oral work to increase our speed and accuracy. In Language we have been writing about our holidays remembering all the rules of grammar and using these correctly in our writing.

**Year 3/4** - in English, we have learnt what a simile is, and we have explored the first chapter of our class text, *The Iron Man*, in search of them! In Maths, we have learnt how to tell if any number is a multiple of 2,5 or 10. In Science, we have looked at food groups and sorted a range of products into each category. It has been an excellent first week. Mr Brown is very impressed by our effort and lovely manners.

**Year 3** - we have been doing some 'getting to know you' activities and learning our new class routines. In English, we have started to read 'The Fantastic Mr Fox' and we have been re-enacting the story so far.

**Year 1/2** - we have been getting to know each other and the classroom. We have had lots of fun starting our topic on 'The Great Fire of London' and have asked some great questions about it. We enjoyed our first PE Lesson all together and the sports coach was very impressed with our football skills! We LOVE our new playground and many of us have already mastered the monkey bars!

**Pre-Prep** - we have been getting to know each other and our school. We've had lots of fun with our Year 6 buddies, especially at our 'Buddy Lunch' on Thursday. We have also had lots of fun on the new playground equipment. Mrs Jones would like us all to have a good rest over the weekend.

### STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

In Pre-Prep Mrs Jones chooses a star of the week each week.

Children in Years 1 to 6 are allocated to one of our houses, Matthew or Mark. They are awarded merit marks each week for a variety of reasons. Each week a child from each house is awarded the class merit badge. This is announced in Friday assembly and in the newsletter. The children then get to wear the merit badge all week. We will start announcing stars and merit badge winners next week.

### PTA NEWS

[pta@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@stellamarisschool.co.uk)  
Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

#### PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting will take place on Friday 14 September in school at 1.30pm. All welcome - parents, grandparents or friends who would like to lend a hand to organise events.

#### Bake Sale

We aim to do a monthly bake sale where families donate goodies that we sell after school. Our bake sale will take place on Friday 21 September in the school hall from 3.05pm. The proceeds will be split between MacMillan Cancer Care and PTA Funds. Cakes/savouries/fruit donations welcome in school on the morning of 21 Sept.

#### Movie Night

Our first fundraising event is a movie night which will take place on Friday 28 September from 3.05pm until 5pm. Children can vote for the movie they want to watch. Tickets are just £4 and include a hot dog (meat or veggie) drink and chocolate treat.

#### Facebook Group and Noticeboard

All of our events and requests for help are posted on the PTA Facebook page. This is a closed group so please ask to join if you are a Facebook user. We also have a PTA noticeboard in the hall where we display details of events and photos.

#### Easyfundraising

If you shop online please register with easyfundraising and help raise money for school. It does not cost you a penny - you just need to remember to login before you shop!

# SUPERSTARS

Our first superstar this school year is Ruslana who achieved her 100m swimming award over the Summer - well done!

We use this part of the newsletter to showcase our pupils' achievements outside of school so please do email photos to us so we can celebrate what our pupils get up to in their free time.

Email: [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stellamarisschool.co.uk)



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNS EVERYDAY UNTIL 5.30PM

## Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15  
Choir - 12.15

## Tuesday

Running Club - 8.15  
Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30  
(Pre-Prep—Yr 2)

## Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15

## Thursday

Making & Tasting - 8.15  
Multi sports (Yrs 3 - 6)  
3.05 - 4.30

## Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15  
Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

## School Drop Off Procedures

School opens at 8am and children can access the school through the front door after this time but must be accompanied to the door by a parent or guardian. This is in keeping with our Safeguarding Policy. Children arriving after 8.45am can access school via the side entrance and go straight into the playground after leaving their bags in the cloakrooms. Pre-Prep children can leave their bags on the benches in the school hall. Staff are available to speak with parents informally from 8.45 am and after school at 3.10 pm when the children have been dismissed. However, the school day starts at 9 am and teachers cannot speak with parents after school has started. Appointments can be made either directly with the class teacher via the Daily Communication Book or through the school office. Parents are respectfully asked not to go into classrooms or cloakrooms after 9 am as it can be disruptive to the beginning of the school day. If your child arrives late they can be handed over at the school door to either Mrs Brearley or Mrs Farrelly who will deliver them to their classrooms. Thanking you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Mrs Johnson**

If any parents are able to help on our swimming rota once a month on a Friday afternoon please let the office know. The office will then sort out a DBS check.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jake who turned 7 on the 2 Sept.

Please can all pupils bring a waterproof coat to school each day. We play out if the rain isn't too bad but children without coats will have to stay inside on wet days. Children should also bring a cardigan/jumper each day as the weather is changeable at the moment.



We love our new-look playground! Check out our website to see a great video of pupils mastering the monkey bars!

## Diary Dates

Over the next week or two we will issue you with a full schedule of events setting out key events and dates for this academic year. In the

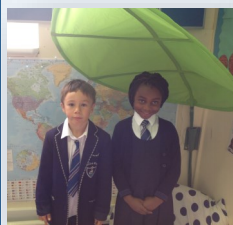
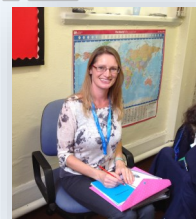
## Welcome Meetings

Within the next few weeks all class teachers will be holding their Welcome Meetings. Class teachers will let you know the dates of these meetings by letter or through your child's School Communication Book. This is an informal meeting led by the class teachers to pass on relevant information and procedures for their class. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask general questions but this is a group meeting and not an individual parent meeting. If you want to discuss your child or their educational needs please make a separate appointment with your child's class teacher.

## WELCOME

We have lots of new faces!

Welcome to Reeva, George, Matilda, Alys, Edward, Angus, Leyla and Louisa in Pre-Prep, Carla and Oskar who have joined Year 2 and Mrs Billington who is our new Year 3 teacher.



newsletter each week we will include key dates for events over the next few weeks. All dates are on the website too.

**14 Sept** - CiST Assembly

**14 Sept** - PTA meeting

**21 Sept** - PTA Bake Sale

**28 Sept** - PTA Movie Night

**6 Oct** - Open Morning

**17 Oct** - Bag2School collection