

This week in school...

Year 5/6 - we have been busy settling into our new class and taking on new responsibilities. We have already begun to develop our Maths skills as we work on extending place value and number order to 1,000,000 and beyond. In Creative Writing we have been revisiting our summer holidays applying all the rules of grammar and using them correctly to create our writing.

Year 4 - we have made an excellent start to the new academic year. We have been working hard on our Mental Maths skills, looking at how to break down problem solving questions into easier parts. In English, the class have been looking at Reading Comprehension and the different types of questions that they contain.

Year 3 - Mrs Billington is very pleased with how quickly we have settled into year 3 by learning new class routines, listening well and trying our best!

Year 1/2 - we have had a lovely week settling into our classroom and new routines. We've been finding out about each other and deciding on our class rules. We've also been writing about diving giraffes!

Pre-Prep - Mrs Jones gave a big welcome/welcome back to all the children in pre-prep. We have spent the week getting to know each other, our classroom, our school and our Year 6 'Buddies'. We have also enjoyed playing in the different areas of the classroom inside and out. We have been getting to know each other and our school. Mrs Jones would like us all to have a good rest over the weekend.

Happy birthday to Maisie, Lily M and Edward who celebrated birthdays in August and to Jake, Francesca and Louisa who are celebrating birthdays in September. We hope all your wishes come true!



STAR OF THE WEEK & MERIT BADGE WINNERS

Pre-Prep	Year 4
Emilia	Lily M
Year 1/2	Lily RG
Whole Class	
Year 3	Year 5/6
Whole Class	Megan
	Bradley
MARK: 133	MATTHEW: 120

MARK IS THE WINNER

WELL DONE!

PTA NEWS

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Facebook: Stella Maris PTA News & Events

PTA Meeting

A date for our first PTA meeting has yet to be determined but will be at some point in September, in school. All are welcome to attend including 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 first bake sale will take place on Friday 13th September in the school hall from 3.05pm. Cake/savoury donations are welcome in school on the morning of 13 September.

Movie Night

This will be a termly PTA event which will take place on a date to be confirmed from 3.05pm until 5pm. Children can vote for the movie they want to watch. Tickets are approximately £4 and include a hot dog (meat or veggie) drink and a 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! The PTA have raised £860 via Easyfundraising so please do register and help us raise more!

SUPERSTARS



This weeks' Superstars are Year 6!

Pupils in Year 6 have been given official roles of responsibility now that they are the oldest children in the school. Taking up these roles helps prepare them for secondary school and they provide excellent assistance to the staff. We



are delighted to announce that Bradley & Uzair will be our Sports Captains; Eason will be our House Captain for Mark; Hadi & Osi will be our House Captains for Matthew; our Deputy Head Boy will be Sonny and due to a tie in the vote, we have two new Head Boys: Oscar & Zak. Congratulations Year 6 and good luck for the year ahead!

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.

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 Mrs Brearley or Mrs Edgar who will deliver them to their classrooms. Thanking you for your cooperation on this matter.

Mrs Johnson

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.



Say Cheese! We have provisionally booked school photographs for Tuesday 8 October so you will have delivery in time for Christmas.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNS EVERYDAY UNTIL 5.30PM

Monday

Colouring Club - 8.15

Tuesday

Breakfast Club - 8.15

Multi-sports 3.05 - 4.30

(Pre-Prep—Yr 2)

Wednesday

Construction Club - 8.15

Choir—12.15 w/c 18/09

Thursday

Reading Club - 8.15

Multi sports (Yrs 3 - 6)
3.05 - 4.30

Friday

Jigsaw Club - 8.15

Swimming - Year 3 - Year 6

WELCOME

We have lots of new faces! Welcome to Emilia and Rosie who have joined Pre-Prep 1, Finlay, Laura and Tobias who have joined Pre-Prep 2 and David who has joined Year 2. We also welcome Mrs Edgar our new Breakfast Club Assistant. We look forward to getting to know you all over the next term.



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

- 12 Sept - Golf Workshop Years 3-6
- 13 Sept - CiST Assembly
- 13 Sept - PTA Bake Sale
- 20 Sept - Jeans for Genes Day
- 25 Sept - PTA Mums' Night Out at Thom's Bar
- 10 Oct - PTA Dads' Night Out at The Elizabethan