



St Mary's School Newsletter



12 February 2021

Dear Parents,

This half term has rushed by with very little time to stop and think! The children have had some excellent experiences, from some truly outstanding art work for the Map of Wonders, to Chinese



Dragon dancing and food tasting, to making a (delightfully squishy) representation of what happens to food when it is digested, to kickboxing and much



more. Although we are still restricted by Covid measures, it hasn't changed much of the learning in school and we are all cracking on with both learning and our wellbeing work – which is so important generally, but particularly at the moment.

Thank you for all your support as all the Covid measures continue. I know some schools find that children's behaviour is better when they are in uniform, but I have to say we haven't found this at all – the children have continued to be their (mostly!) thoughtful and considerate selves whether or not they have been in uniform.



Now on to some sad news – Mrs Chinniah and Mr Hewitt are leaving us this half term. Mrs Chinniah is taking on a new challenge at JCPrep. We wish both of them the very best and say a big 'thank you' for making such a positive impact on our school community. We will miss them both very much.

The building project

The building work inside the school is completed, and there is only a small amount of work on the outside, and some tidying up, before we have the whole school handed over. We are hoping to move Miss Boydens' office back to the front of the school over half term, but please bear with us. Drop off and pick up will continue at the back of the school as it does at the moment, but if you need to speak to Miss Boydens we HOPE this will be at the main office at the front of the school from after half term. I will email you as soon as possible once I know where we get to in terms of moving over the half term.



We still have furniture on order which won't arrive for several weeks, so the interior is still a work in progress, but we're getting there!



Parents Evening

We are going to run parents meetings by phone in the week of March 15th. We will send you a brief mid-year report on the Friday of the week before, so that you can read it and have any questions ready. We will have some appointments after school, and some during the school day. Please can you email your child's teacher whether or not you might be available during the school day, or whether or not you would need an after school call. The sooner that we have this information

the sooner we can get a timetable together. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, do please email your child's teacher.

Mothers' Day Secrets Room



Thanks to everyone who has sent in gifts for the Mothers' Day Secrets Room. We ideally need more, so that every child can have the opportunity to buy a gift – if you have anything that will be suitable, please send it in as soon as possible.

Have a lovely half term. I hope the weather is a little warmer and you all manage to enjoy the time with your families. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Maria Steg

