

# St Mary's Newsletter

Summer Term – Wednesday 21st July 2021

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*Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16*

## A fond farewell...

Sadly, today, the school says goodbye to two lovely members of staff – Kaye Willis – who has been serving the school, working as a midday over the last few years, and also Hayley Brooks, who has been working as a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant and midday member of staff since September last year. Both Kaye and Hayley are moving on to new challenges. I am sure you will all join me in sending your very best wishes to Kaye and Hayley on their new and exciting journeys.

If you would be interesting in applying for the position of Midday Assistant, which will be from September, please follow this link: <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=66603>

## Bubble and school changes:

A quick reminder... As you will be aware, the government has made some significant changes to the guidance to schools which will begin at the start of the next academic school year. Therefore, from the start of the Autumn term the school is going to make some significant changes to our own school arrangements.

**From September, there will no longer be any bubbles**, which you will be aware have been in existence since the start of the Autumn term last year. This will mean that children will be able to interact throughout the school day, which will include break times and lunchtimes as well as daily worship. We will also **remove the staggered end of day arrangements**. This will mean that **all classes will finish at 3.15pm**. The **start of the school day will continue to be at 8.30am**; however, **children will not need to queue up to go into class** as they are now. As soon as our pupils arrive in the morning they can walk straight into class where they will be greeted by their new class teacher. Please note that **when pupils are collected at the end of the school day at 3.15pm parents and carers will still need to queue up in their pre-existing lines**. Parents, carers and pupils can continue to use either the double gates at the front of school, as well as the Caton's Lane gates in the mornings and the end of the school, as they wish.

The school will still encourage and continue to adopt sensible measures to reduce the risk of COVID transmission, which will include increased hand washing and sanitising, mask wearing in crowded indoor spaces. Furthermore, mask wearing around the school site will no longer be necessary, but we will continue to use them around the school site up to the end of this term.

## Well done Year 4 Fireflies!



Here is a photograph of these wonderful Firefly pupils who have all achieved certificates on the very last week of term! Well done one and all!

**End of term:**

Please remember that the school is **breaking up today at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** for the last day of term. Please note that there is an **INSET day for staff at St Mary's on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** and the children will return for the new academic school year on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and we will look forward to welcoming you all back from 8.30am on that day. Term dates are available on the school website – please see link below.

<https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/term-dates-1/>

Please do have a lovely Summer break, whatever you choose to do, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.30am.

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