

St Mary's News



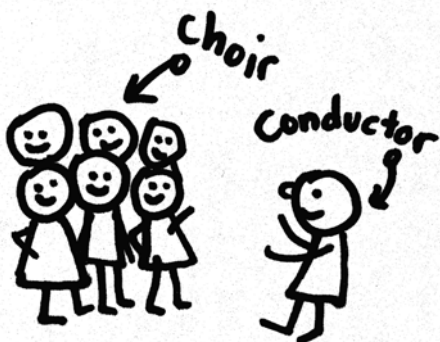
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Children's Choirs for Westminster

Two children's choirs are being launched this week in Westminster for pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6). There will be ten weekly sessions each term for £30 (£3 per session).



The two choirs will meet at Essendine School (for the north) and Burdett Coutts (in the south).

The Essendine choir will meet on Mondays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm (starting today). The Burdett Coutts sessions will be on Thursdays, starting this Thursday.

Membership forms will be available at the first rehearsal (today, for Essendine). Potential new choir members can drop in any

time this term on a trial basis.

If you need any more information please talk to Miss Bowden.



Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please pick up a form from the school office. You are eligible for free school meals if you are entitled to various benefits; income support, for example. We would urge all parents who are entitled to receive free school meals to register, even if your child has a packed lunch.

The way schools are funded these days includes the number of families entitled to free school meals in the funding formula and so the school gets a little more money, which is good for all of us - the pupils in particular.

Yoga

Our yoga club starts today. It runs from 8.40 until 9.00 am every day and costs 50p per session. It's open to parents and pupils and is an excellent way to start the day.

Marylebone Free School

A group of local parents is interested in setting up a new Free School for secondary age pupils in the local area. Stephen Rockman, writes:

"As you may be aware, a group of local parents are working towards the launch of a local secondary free school in September 2014. The Marylebone Free School (MFS) will be co-educational and non-selective with a strong emphasis on innovative learning methods and new technology. If you would like to be kept informed of

This week is
STORYMAKING Week



Peter Hadfield

progress, please register your interest without commitment at

<http://eepurl.com/pJzm9>."

There is also a meeting in our ICT room at 5pm this afternoon if you would like to come along and hear what's happening.



Black History MONTH

October is Black History Month.

Sonia Walker writes:

"This month we will be celebrating the achievements and contributions made by black people within our society. A topic based Black History Month homework task will be given to Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) children.

The kitchen will be offering a dish from Africa or the Caribbean for one day within the next few weeks.

A display will be going up in the school hall and an assembly will be held towards the end of the month.

If you would like to contribute to this month's celebrations please contact me (Sonia Walker) through the school office."

Any old ipods?

Has anybody got an old ipod sitting around unused in a

drawer at home? If so, the Friends of St Mary's would like to have it!



They would like an old, donated ipod to use for school events, such as the children's disco they are currently organising; it makes the music so much easier to manage - there's no need to be sifting through CDs all the time.

If you can help with donating an ipod, please talk to us in the school office.

The Friends also have a meeting this week, at **9.00 am on Friday**, to continue their planning of the disco. Any parent is welcome to come along. They meet in the school hall.

If you can help with the International Evening they are planning for after the half term holiday (7th November) please hand your 'help sheet' either to Trine Maaetoft (Chair of the Friends) or the school office.

This Week

- This Week is Storymaking Week.
- Monday: Marylebone Free School Meeting at 5pm in the ICT Room.
- Friday: Friends' meeting at 9am (Hall) to discuss Children's disco

School Dates

- Thursday, 11th October: Church service, 9.30 at St Mary's Church, for Years 1-6 (Harvest)
- Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October: Parent and Teacher meetings
- **Friday 26th October: Last day of Term. Please collect children at 1.15.**
- Monday, 5th November: First day of Term 2