

St Mary's News



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School Closures and Emergencies

This seems a good moment to remind everyone what our procedures are for closing the school or getting information out to parents in the event of unforeseen emergencies, such as a major incident in the vicinity of the school.

We've had lots of enquiries about whether we are open in this snowy weather. Nobody in school can remember **ever** closing for snow - but that is not to say we never would! The decision to close the school, or a class, would be taken between **8.30 and 8.45** when we are more likely to know which members of staff have made it to school. We cannot make the decision earlier than that unless it was something straightforward such as the central heating boiler breaking down or a serious flood.

As soon as we have the information we need we would:

- **Text** all parents to explain that school is closed

- **Email** all parents with the same information
- Put a notice on the Home Page of the **school website**
- Put a message on **Twitter**
- Put a notice on the London Grid for Learning 'Open Check' website:
(www.opencheck.lgfl.net)

*Do we have your current mobile 'phone number?
Your email address?*

The first thing we would do is text you - the other actions would follow that, depending on time.

We ask all parents to wait until 8.30/8.40 if they think school may be closed.

Unless we specifically send you a text message, email etc then **always assume that the school is open as usual.**

If there was an emergency in the local area, then we would use the same

means to let you know what was happening.

In the case of local emergencies in particular we also ask parents **NOT** to 'phone the school. We only have one land-line in and out of school and if we would need this for essential communications, with the emergency services, for example.

Helping Your Child With Literacy

Sian Rickett, Paulette Williams and Sheelagh Leith are running a workshop for parents of children in F2 on Thursday.

- **F2: Thursday, January 24th at 9.00 and 3.15**

I think parents will find them really interesting.

Do you want to know when the last day for Mandarin Club is?

IT'S ON OUR WEBSITE!

(www.stmarys.bryanston.net and click on 'School Calendar'.)

Yes - we're open!



Peter Hadfield

Instrumental Opportunities

A message from Alison Bowden.

"At the end of last term Mr Kenny introduced himself and offered brass tuition to our pupils. If anyone would like to learn the trumpet, trombone or French Horn in school, please speak to Miss Bowden or fill in an application form from the school office.

We are also able to offer individual tuition in the following: piano, violin, guitar, electric guitar, saxophone, flute, bassoon, clarinet, recorder, drum kit, hand drums.

Individual lessons are £10 for 20 minutes.

As well as individual tuition we have a variety of school clubs offered to different classes. These include: Music Maestros, Sibelius (ICT), Recorder, Drumming and Orchestra.

Please speak to Miss Lo in the office for more information about these."



This Week

- Wednesday: Year 2 to St Paul's for 'Great Fire of London' workshop
- Wednesday: Poetry Quest workshops for Year 5 and Year 5
- Wednesday: Year 6 to the library
- Wednesday: Football vs St Vincent's (depending on the weather!)
- Thursday: Year 2 to Tate Britain
- Thursday: 'Helping Your Child With Literacy' workshop for F2 parents
 - Friday: Year 5/6 Girls' football tournament
 - Friday: Inspire Works drumming workshop for Year 1 and Year 2
 - Friday: Year 1 Class assembly at 2.30

School Dates

- Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February: Parent and Teacher Progress Meetings
- Thursday 14th February: Church Service at 9.30.
- Friday, 15th February: **Last day of Term 3.** Please collect children from classes at 1.15
- Monday, 25th February: **First day of Term 4**

When do we break up for Easter in 2014?

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