

# St Mary's News



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## Open Morning

On Wednesday we are holding our annual open morning for families who may be thinking about applying for a place at St Mary's.

If you know anyone who has a youngster who will turn five between September 2014 and the end of August 2015, please bring this to their attention. They can 'phone the school for details.

On Wednesday they will be given a tour of the school and then have some time in the ICT room to ask questions.

## Parenting Course

Sheelagh Leith writes:

*"There's a new way to help support you with the day to day challenges of being the parent of a 3-8 year old. You can do an Online 'Triple P' (Positive Parenting Programme) course for free if you have internet access. Ring the charity, 'Family Lives' on 0808 800 2222 between 9.00 and 4.30 to find out how to register. Places are limited. See Mrs Leith for more details."*

We're also running a 'mark-making' workshop for parents of children in the Foundation Stage in December. This is intended to help parents support their children's writing development and went well last year. Watch this space for more details.

## Remembrance Day

Every year we mark the two minutes silence at 11 o'clock as part of our Remembrance Day observation. This

year we will also be having a short, simple commemoration at the front of the school to mark the return of the war memorial plaques to the parish. The two memorial plaques were fixed on the school wall facing Enford Street towards the end of last year.



They were removed from the Parish Church 13 years ago as part of the church refurbishment and were in storage in Yorkshire. We felt it was right to return them to the parish - especially as 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War.

26 of the names on the memorial plaques are of people who went to St Mary's Bryanston Square School. In those days it would have been an 'all-through' school, not just a Primary School.

## What's On This Week

- **Today:**
  - Remembrance Day
  - Librarian visiting Year 1 and Year 2
- **Tuesday:**
  - ◇ Tag Rugby tournament
  - ◇ Year 5 artefact handling session (history)
- **Wednesday**
  - ◇ Open Morning for prospective new parents
- **Thursday:**
  - ◇ Year 5 history project - pensioner visit
  - ◇ Year 4 and Year 6 swimming
- **Friday:**
  - ◇ Children in Need
  - ◇ Year 4 class assembly at 2.30

## School Dates

- Wednesday, 13th November: Open morning for prospective new parents
- Friday, 29th November: Foundation Stage Nativity Play
- Friday, 6th December: KS1 Nativity Play.
- Thursday, 12th & Friday, 13th December: KS2 Play
- Wednesday, 18th December: Christmas Fair - 2.30
- Thursday, 19th December: Church Service in school - 9.30
- **Friday, 20th December: last day of Term 2**
- **WEDNESDAY, 8th January: first day of Term 3**

**open morning for new parents on Wednesday**



*Peter Hadfield*