

Dear Parents and Carers,
 Thank-you to those that have been attending our Parent information Coffee mornings at St Mary's. You are always welcome to join us. They are held at 9.05-9.45 on Friday mornings and the details of the topics are overleaf in the calendar of events.
 Best wishes,
 Mrs Smith
 (Head of School)

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity!



St Eugene's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019

Do you read to your child every day? Does your child read to you?

At St Eugene's, reading is at the heart of everything that we do. We aim to foster a love of reading with story time and a rich diet of well chosen books from Reception class to Year 6 every day. Our school library is well stocked, well used and well loved:) We teach children from their very first days in Reception the key skills in phonics, their letter sounds, that they need to enable them to become fluent readers themselves. Higher up the school, we continue to actively teach reading strategies in our daily Destination Reader lessons. We want our children to be not just competent readers, but hope that they will become avid readers, so that the wonderful world of books is open to them and they can enjoy reading for pleasure for the rest of their school and adult life. **Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path in all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has a poorer life chance and fewer opportunities as an adult.** As a parent, you are of course, your child's first teacher. The single most valuable thing that you can do to help your child's attainment and progress is to read to them and with them every day. Children enjoy being read to, even when they can read for themselves. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 minutes every day is time very well spent. In Reception children bring home three colour banded books at their own level and a choosing book. In Year 1 and 2 they bring home two colour banded books, a Read, Write Inc reading book and a sharing book of their own choosing. In years 3,4,5 and 6 your child will bring home a reading book and can also choose another sharing book which may be poetry, history or any other book that they would like to share.



"Unless children learn to read fluently, they cannot learn to the full. They can't discover their own talents and interests. They cannot lose themselves in Wonderland with Alice or in Middle Earth with Gandalf; they are held back from exploring the limits of their imagination and creativity."

Amanda Spielman, Chief inspector of Education.

We would love to have some parent guests to read a story to their child's class one afternoon.

If you would like to be a guest storyteller in your child's class, please pop into the office and we will set this up for you:)



Our school website address: www.steugene.camden.sch.uk

I have received and read the St. Eugene's Primary School newsletter of 15.11.19
 Signed _____ Name of child _____ Class _____

Important dates for your diary...



- Friday 15th November Coffee Morning at St Mary's about ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
- Friday 22nd November Coffee Morning at St Mary's How to help your child if they are a fussy eater.
- Friday 29th November Non Uniform Day
- Friday 29th November 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting in the library (discussing Christmas parties)
- Friday 29th November Coffee Morning at St Mary's How we teach about Equality
- Monday 2nd December 2.30 Christmas Music Concert
- Thursday 5th December 10.00 Nativity for Rec & Y1 parents, 2.30 Nativity for Y2 parents
- Thursday 12th December Y3 & Y4 Christmas party
- Friday 13th December: 3.30 Christmas crafts sale in the hall
- Monday 16th December 2.30 Christmas Carol Service in church (All welcome)
- Tuesday 17th December Y5 & Y6 Christmas party
- Wednesday 18th December YR, Y1 & Y2 Christmas party
- Friday 20th December last day of term.
- Monday 6th January INSET day - pupils not in school
- Tuesday 7th January Pupils return to school

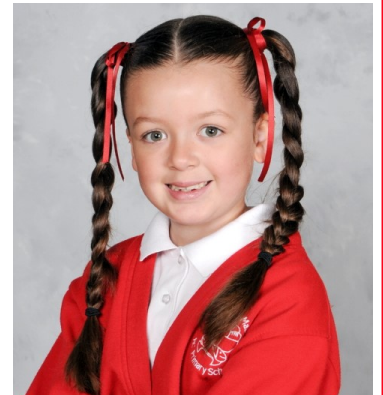
Our prayer...

Dear Lord,
Give us warm and loving hearts.
Let your words be on my lips and in my heart. Help me to be a good friend. Bless my family at home, at school and at church.
Amen



Work of the week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).
Do come and take a look.



Year 3 have been engineers this week! For their work in design technology they have been designing and making monsters with moving parts powered by pneumatics! Sadie has made a brilliant monster using lots of different techniques to cut, stick, fold and adapt her creation. She worked really carefully and modified her design to make sure that it worked efficiently. It's a fabulous monster!

Well done Sadie, you're a great engineer!



Talk topic...

Every week a thought provoking question is displayed in the library. The children have the opportunity to think about the question and write a response or suggestion.

You might like to talk to your child about our question.

This week the talk topic was...

Do you think that rich people give enough to charity?

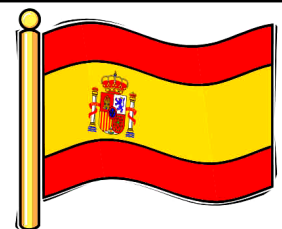


Punctuality...

Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day. That first part of the day is very important. Your child will be missing out on Supported Reading or Fix it Time if they are late. Children find it very unsettling and embarrassing to be late. Our classes are open from 8:40am every morning. Thank-you for your help with this:)



Spanish phrase of the week...



This week's phrase is:

"Mucho gusto" which means:

"Pleased to meet you" in English.
Thank-you to Spanish club for this week's phrase.