



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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The word that is highlighted in this week's Wednesday Word is "Talent". It is an important word as God has given us all talent. We must build on our talent, making it a gift to others and God. Please take a look at the Wednesday Word with your children. The Gospel for this Sunday reminds us to use our talents wisely and generously.



**The following Class Masses will be held in the Convent at 10am.**

- Class N – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 10am
- Class M – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 10am

Parents are very welcome to join the children and their teachers for Mass but space is limited. Please enter the Convent via McAuley Close. The Sisters have been so pleased to see parents joining the children. We must keep this up as children always enjoy having parents there. These Masses are special and it is important that we celebrate together.

**Other Dates to Put on Your Calendar:**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Lepra Fun Workout

Children will be taking part in a fun workout for Lepra. Although this is not a sponsorship event children are encouraged to put a little of their pocket money in the envelope in aid of Lepra. It does not matter how small this amount is, just give what you can afford. It all goes to a very worthy cause. Please send in the envelopes this Monday. There will be a box left by the Office window into which you can drop the envelopes. Older children may want to hand their envelopes to their teachers.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Police on site talking to the children.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Open morning at 11am. If you know parents who are thinking of applying to St Mary's please encourage them to walk around with our Y6 ambassadors. Nursery forms need to be completed and returned to us by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to start in September 2018.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – YR to visit the Post Office.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – French school on site to visit their pen pals in Y4.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Visiting speaker on Judaism to work with the children.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Y1 visiting the Convent at 2pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Samba Concert. All Y6 parents are invited to attend to see their children perform at 3.30pm in the Gym Hall.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Y6 Educational Trip to Kent Life

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5 Educational Trip to the Royal Observatory



## *Christmas Events in December at St Mary's*

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Choir carol singing in the Alms Houses – 11am  
Choir carol singing in Passey Place - 1.30pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Infant Nativity. There will be an opportunity for parents/grandparents to attend our Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. Space is extremely limited so it is important that the office staff are informed if you wish to attend on this day. Toddlers may attend but please be mindful of the limited space.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr John on site blessing crib figures for Infants and Nursery

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Fr John blessing crib figures for Juniors

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Carol Service in Christchurch at 2pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Christmas Lunch



## *WOW - Walking on Wednesdays*

Miss Hogan and Mrs Whitewood launched "Walking on Wednesdays" this week. The Junior children walked around the block and the Infants had their walk around the playground. All children are encouraged to walk to school every Wednesday. They can collect badges for their efforts at the end of each month, as long as they walk to school on a Wednesday. Please have a go. We are trying to build good habits and work on stamina.



## *School Dinners*

Next week is International Week in the Dining Hall. The children having school dinners will be treated to a selection of international flavours. Let your children know so they can look forward to some tasty dishes!

Monday	Down Mexico Way....
Tuesday	The Italian Job.....
Wednesday	Indian Spice Rice n Nice.....
Thursday	The Caribbean Islands.....
Friday	Great British Classics.....

If your child has school dinners please make sure you pay for them before we break up for Christmas. This half termly cost is £76.

## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

One class, 4J, achieved full attendance for the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Very well done to Class J.

Only four classes achieved 100% for punctuality. Children should not be running in late. Aim to arrive by 8.45am. This will ensure that children reach their classrooms before the bell. We must establish good habits at an early stage. Primary children rely on their parents to get them to school on time.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### Attendance

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	98%	99%	98%	97%	94%	99%	98%	97%	100%	96%	98%	98%	99%

#### Punctuality

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES *After School Clubs*

Please take a note of the finishing dates for the After School Clubs. These dates are important as it makes extra work for the Office Staff if they have to contact parents.

Netball	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Y6 Football	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Girls Football	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Y1 Football	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Y2/Y3 Football	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Sewing	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Y1/Y6 Gymnastics	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Y4/Y5 Football	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Irish Dancing	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Y5/Y6 Cricket	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Y3/Y6 Judo	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Activkids	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Basketball	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Street Dance	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December

The PA AGM is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. After 3 years Ms Tovey and Ms Naughton are stepping down from their roles as Chairperson and Treasurer. If this is a role you think you may enjoy please put your name forward at the meeting. It requires commitment but it is rewarding as the organised events help to raise money for the school. All the children in the school benefit from this.

Many thanks to Ms Tovey and Ms Naughton for dedicating their time and energy.

The following events will be run by the PA so put a note in your diary. More details will follow about both events.

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Wreath Making - £20 per person. This is always a very popular event. The Dining Hall turns into a haven of creativity while adults come and create a beautiful wreath for their front door. There is a real feeling of achievement when you see the finished wreath. Booking is essential.
- **Children's Christmas Disco** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - £3 per child
  - Infants – 4.45pm
  - Y3/Y4 – 6pm
  - Y5/Y6 – 7.15pm



### *Christmas Decorations for Tree in Passey Place, Eltham High St*

We have had some lovely stars handed to us in the Main Office so they will be delivered to the library after school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The library staff would love to receive lots of stars so they can hang them on the Christmas Tree in Passey Place. The children need to cut a star shape from a piece of A4 card and decorate it.

The stars will be laminated by the library and hung on the tree at Passey Place for all to see at Christmas. 3D stars will not be suitable as the work has to pass through a laminator. Once the work is completed you can hand them either directly to the library or our Main Office. We will ensure that all stars are given to the library. It will be possible to do this at the library on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.45pm or Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 3pm. If you are handing the stars to the Main Office, please make sure they are with us by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The library will take stars up to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Every good wish

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