

Weekly Newsletter Friday 11th January 2019



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Upcoming Events For:
Week beginning 14/01/2019

Happy new year to all our families!

We trust that you had a lovely, peaceful Christmas and celebrated the New Year in style. Whilst Christmas is now over, we are reminded that on Sunday 6th January we celebrated the Three Kings visiting Jesus. At the Epiphany, the kings were guided by a star and Jesus came to bring his light to the world. Furthermore, this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Baptism by his cousin, John. The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus, preparing him to begin his great work. Both these events should give us renewed energy and passion about the year ahead.

The children have returned to school smartly dressed, eager to learn and ready to work hard. The first week has been very successful and we want to ask parents to pay attention to the small details like regularly reading with their child at home, talking about their day or supporting them with their homework. These small details are vitally important for your child to succeed.

School Hall

Unfortunately, the school hall will be out of action for the next month. We had a leak in the corridor above before Christmas, which meant the floor had to be replaced. The hall took longer to dry out than expected so hence the delay. We are sorry of the affect that it will have on after school clubs and school life but it really was unavoidable.

Miss C Phipps



Mr J Sims



Monday 14th – Class C to visit Christchurch

Tuesday 15th – Class D to visit Christchurch

Friday 18th – French pen pals visiting from a Primary school in Calais to see their pen pals in Y4/Y5.

WELCOME

We heartily welcome Miss Dennis who has joined class k this week. It is important to make new teachers feel welcome. She is looking forward to spending time with us here at St Mary's.

We also welcome Mrs Velvick who is studying to be a primary teacher and getting work experience at St Mary's for this half term.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Please submit information regarding your children's successes/awards in their after school activities to headteachers@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk

After School Clubs

Please note the list of the after school clubs for this term. Letters are available outside the main office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Monday	Netball	Y3-Y6
	Welling Football	Y1
	Football Team Training	Y5/Y6
	French Club (lunchtime)	Juniors (KS2)
Tuesday	Welling Football	Y2-Y3
	Sewing	Y2-Y6
	Healthy Eating Cookery	Y4- Y5
Wednesday	Welling Football	Y4-Y5
	Junior Art	Y3-Y6
Thursday	Infant Art	Y1-Y2
	Sewing	Y2-Y6
Friday	Allkidsan	Y1-Y4
	Creative Arts	Y1-Y6
	French Club (lunchtime)	Infants (KS1)

Please note that due to the replacement of the Gym Hall floor, gymnastics will not be starting until after the February half term. We will keep you informed. Children will be brought to the middle gate by the club leader where you should collect them promptly.



RE NEWSLETTER

Please look at the uploaded RE newsletter on the website for this term. It gives an outline of the topics the children will cover in class. We would greatly encourage you to read through it as it will help in supporting your child's RE work in school.

KEY DATES

Look out for the updated version of this year's key dates. More dates have been added.

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As you will notice we have a Healthy Eating Cookery Club starting. Eight children from Y4/Y5 have been chosen to take part this half term. Another set of children will be chosen for the club when it begins again. Please keep a look out for more information.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Dinner money for this half term is £77.70 (£12.59 per week) for all Junior children. Please make the ladies in the main office aware of your child changing their lunch pattern, either changing to school dinners or packed lunch. This is important as the kitchen staff and main office need to know exact numbers. Parents of Infants who wish to change should also inform the main office. An email or phone call is fine.

If you think your child is eligible for free school meals please enquire at the main office. All enquiries will be treated in confidence. Receiving free school meals is not just about school dinners. Funding is awarded to the school so help can be given to these families purchasing school uniform, school trips and after school clubs. This is very important so please help us.

UNIFORM

Hair Bows/Hair Gel: Some girls have returned to school wearing glamorous bows in their hair. They look wonderful but are not suitable for school. These beautiful bows can be worn outside school at home/over the weekend. Please keep to our traditional navy blue bows which look so smart. Hair gel should not be worn in school. We have noticed some boys with much coiffured hair styles!

Hats/Scarves: Only school hats/scarves or plain navy ones are allowed. School items are available to buy through Wisepay. We have noticed that some girls have coloured pompoms on their navy hats but they should be navy too. These should be worn at this time of year to keep children warm.

Coats/Jackets: These should also be plain navy. Many of the large stores stock plain coats suitable for school. Please ensure that the coats are warm enough for when the weather is changeable.

APPLYING TO ST MARY'S

If you are applying for your child to start Reception in September 2019 please be aware that the closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January. Everybody must apply online to Greenwich Council **as well as** providing a Supplementary Form to St Mary's.

We cannot stress enough the importance of submitting the correct forms. Failure to do so could prevent your child from joining YR in September. Every year there is one family who forgets, even though there may be an older sibling in the school. This is too serious and you must get it right.

ROAD SAFETY/PARKING

Always be vigilant when driving and parking on the school road. Look out for all pedestrians. Children making their way to school should not be put in any danger.

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MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch relies heavily on the support it receives from its volunteers. The parish would not be able to function without their help. If you can devote some time please read on as the following volunteers are needed.

- 1) Teas/Coffees after 11.30am Mass every Sunday.
- 2) Three or four people can make up a group so ask a few friends and maybe you could work together. We have a rota in place so individual volunteers can be added to current groups. You will be made very welcome and it is a good way to get to know other people.
- 2) Our Repository rota requires volunteers to assist at both the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses every Sunday.

No experience necessary except for a friendly and helpful manner.

Please contact the Parish Office on 0208 850 1666 between 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

Alternatively you can email parishoffice@christchurcheltham.org.uk

[Many thanks for your support.](#)

