



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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CURRICULUM NEWS



Holy Communion

Many congratulations to the children making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Fr John in Christchurch has a very busy month! I hope you enjoy this special time with your family and friends.



Wednesday Word

"Care" is the Wednesday word this week. Caring for each other, our surroundings and those less fortunate is what Jesus wants. Small gestures make big differences.



Y6 SATs

Next week, Y6 children will be taking their SATS (Monday-Thursday). Information has already been sent to parents so you know exactly what is happening every day. A small breakfast will be arranged each morning for the children. This is not to replace their main breakfast but a little snack to have with their friends prior to starting the tests. We have found this relaxes the children and settles any nerves they may have. Y6 children may arrive at 8.30am and go straight to class. Booster classes will take place on Monday (Reading and Grammar) and Tuesday (Maths). Children who attend booster classes should not attend the Monday football club in Eltham Park South on Monday next. Y2-Y5 children will sit tests throughout May. It is so important that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.



French Day - Friday 25th May

Children are encouraged to attend school dressed in the French colours (blue, white and red) or even a French themed outfit. Please see the separate letter on the website from Mrs Bone, our MFL co-ordinator, outlining the many activities that are planned.

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GENERAL NEWS



Now that the weather seems to have settled into its Spring/Summer phase, it is important the children protect their heads by wearing a Summer hat. These can be purchased from the Main Office (£4). Please enquire if you have any questions.

From September 2018, all students will be required to have a St Mary's PE bag. These are navy drawstring bags with the St Mary's logo. The bag will cost £4.30, available from the Main Office, but we are giving parents time to buy them, hence the deadline of September 2018. We have some in stock at the moment, with more on order so all children can have one by the end of the year. Obviously, we do not expect Y6 children to purchase these bags as they will be leaving shortly.

Junior children wearing trainers during lunchtime play must store their trainers in this bag. It will be big enough.



Key Dates for your Diary

Please take note of the following key dates for this half term:

Monday 14th-Thursday 17th May Y6 SATS

Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday 22nd May Y1 Liturgical Dance Performance. Parents are invited to come along to see their children at 9am in the Dining Hall. Please stay until the end of the performance to watch both classes. It should last about 15 minutes.

Wednesday 23rd May Crowning of Our Lady straight after morning registration (9am) in the Junior playground, weather permitting. Y4 will lead this special assembly. Parents are asked to send in flowers with their children the day before, or by 8.40am at the latest on the day, so they can be placed at the statue of Our Lady. She is adorned with flowers every year, paying Her a great honour.

Friday 25th May French Day at St Mary's.

Tuesday 29th May Children from St Mary's visiting a school in France.

Friday 25th May - School closing for Half Term-3.15pm

Friday 8th June YR/Y1 Educational Visit to Kent Life

Tuesday 12th June Food and Fellowship at 3.15pm – More details to follow

Friday 15th June Y3 Educational Visit
Y6 Educational Visit
PA selling Father's Day gifts

Saturday 16th June Summer Fayre

Sunday 17th June Father's Day



E-Safety

May I bring your attention to a new game, Fortnite, that lots of children are currently playing and causing concern for some teachers. Fortnite is rated 12 but many Y3 and Y4 children seem to be playing it. This means that they are underage. It is causing arguments between the children so clearly they are not mature enough to be playing it. It is important to keep vigilant with the games that children play as these age appropriate ratings are there for a good reason.

GET INVOLVED! PA Events

Saturday 9th June To get into World Cup frenzy, St. Mary's PA is hosting the 'Dad's Cup'! We would like the Dads to gather a team together and play a 5 a-side Football Tournament in Eltham Park South on Saturday 9th June from 2pm-4pm. The idea is to have 1 team (7 adults per team) from each year group, from Nursery to Y6, appoint your captain and register your interest by emailing stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com.

There will be a prize for the winning team and a prize for the best supporters!

Friday 15th June Father's Day Gifts on sale. Please let the PA know if you can volunteer as they are looking for help.

Saturday 16th June The St Mary's Annual Summer Fayre
This is a special day in the St Mary's calendar so put the date in your diary. If you can devote any time to helping please inform the PA (stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com) or let the ladies in the Main Office know and they will pass on any message. There will be a great variety of stalls with a variety of goods to look at, lots of entertainment for the children and adults, an exciting raffle and live music from Decks and Quartz. Mrs Jefferys will be running the plant stall this year so if you can donate any plants please let her know. Come and see her as she will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed. She will need help running the stall as her knowledge of plants is not quite Monty Don standard!

With kind regards

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