
Weekly Newsletter
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Headteachers' Message

As the cold weather draws in, it is so pleasing to see the children coming into school wearing their St Mary's hats. As a reminder, any hats, scarves and gloves should be navy - we are noticing a few different colours. Hats and scarves with St Mary's logo, can be bought via Wisepay.

This Sunday's Gospel tells us that God doesn't just love those people who have followed him but that his love would spread to all people. Reading the news, it can seem that our society is often divided over issues; people seek to blame others for issues. At school, guided by our values, we try to look forward rather than dwell on the past. It is much more productive to find things that you can agree on, rather than think about our differences.

At St Mary's, we want our children to feel part of a strong Catholic community, but also remember that they are part of a bigger society. Y6 have travelled to the Houses of Parliament today to reinforce what they know about Democracy. We must all encourage each other to see the good in each other and see what we can agree on rather than disagree; this is our responsibility as citizens of this country.

Have a very pleasant weekend.

Miss C Phipps



Mr J Sims



Upcoming Events For:
Week beginning 3/2/2019

Monday 4th - Friday 6th

Y6 School Journey to Kingswood

Tuesday 5th February

E-Safety Day

Y5 Reconciliation. Parents are welcome to join the children.

Wednesday 6th February

Fr John to visit the Nursery

Thursday 7th February

Nursery children to visit Eltham Library

Friday 8th February

Y2 Victorian Day

Y5 visit Bexley Grammar to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Words are "God's Love". God's love for us is in the air, everywhere we look around, through every sight and every sound. Sharing it builds strong bonds between families and communities. Love is one of our school values so always think about how we can both give and receive it.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

The following children won a prize from The Knights of St Columbia for their entries in the Christmas Nativity Competition. The children completed their paintings in class before Christmas. Well done to all the children.

Y2 children were unable to participate as they were focusing on the Infant Nativity.

RA Elijah Adotevi
RB Franco O'Bertelli-Young
1C Malachy Rooney
1D Hope Salter
3G Lois Jeffrey
3H Michaela Duldulao
4I Maya Szymanska
4J Missy Martinez
5K Ciara Flaherty
5L Sienna Nash
6M Alfie Hepburn
6N Ella Noone

We would like parents to inform us of special awards/competitions that their children take part in or receive as we would like his news to be highlighted in the newsletter. Please submit the information to headteachers@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk

E SAFETY DAY

National E Safety Day is on Tuesday 5th February. Miss Dineen, our ICT Co-Coordinator, will be raising awareness of the pros and cons of the virtual world. Recent news suggests that children using social media need to be protected from harmful information so parents must be vigilant. Check out the age restrictions before allowing your child to register.

Work in class is ongoing with e-safety. We know that the internet is a marvelous tool and part of our lives but awareness is key to its usage. Y6 children will have their e-safety session when they return from Kingswood

Information will be uploaded to the website so look out for this.



Y6 Residential Trip

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Kingswood next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at 10am so all Y6 children must be on site at 9.30am to make last minute checks. The children are welcome to arrive at 8.55am, especially if there are younger siblings in the family. Please take your children to the dining hall with their luggage.

Please refer to the information letters that have already been sent. Miss Collins and Miss Gawor are happy to answer any queries you may have. Letters have been uploaded onto Wisepay.

Mrs Jefferys will email a daily update to parents so look out for them. Traditionally, parents have really appreciated the news.

The children will return to St Mary's on Friday 8th February. We will inform parents of timings but we estimate a 2.45pm arrival. The children will come back to the Dining Hall and be dismissed from there. Y6 children can leave at the earlier time but younger siblings will stay at school until 3.15pm.

Mrs Evans (SENCO) is accompanying the children on their trip so is not available to meet other year groups until week beginning 11th February.

A special Kingswood assembly will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 6pm. Please make note of this date.

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Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

RECEPTION CHILDREN

It has been noticed by the Reception teachers (Mrs White, Mrs Otley and Mrs Shallice) that children are unable to do their coats up. Please spend some time this weekend showing your child how to button/zip up their coat. It is cold outside and they need to be warm. It is important for their independence so encourage it.

PARENTS EVENING

Please note that Parents' Evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. Parents will be able to book their times via Wisepay. An email will be sent to all parents when the schedules are uploaded.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Our school nurse will be on site on Tuesday 5th February from 8.45am-12 noon. She would like to invite any parent who wishes to talk to her about concerns you may have regarding your child. You do not have to make an appointment; just come along and take your turn. The ladies in the office will show you where to go.

MESSAGE FROM THE PA

The PA have some exciting events for you to put on your calendar:

PA Meeting – Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. Come along to hear the plans for the forthcoming events. All parents' input is essential.

St Patrick's Family Event – Friday 15th March. This promises to be a fun evening. Tickets will go on sale soon so keep a look out for notifications.

Mother's Day Gifts – Friday 29th March. Gifts will be on sale for the children in preparation for Mothering Sunday (Sunday 31st March).

Just a reminder that there are a few Infant Nativity DVDs still for sale (£6.50). If you are interested please enquire at the main office.

Victorian Day takes place for Y2 children on Friday 8th February. The children will experience a school day in the life of a Victorian child. Visiting Victorian style teachers will visit St Mary's and teach the children for the day. They will be quite stern; different from the Y2 teachers of today!

Children are encouraged to dress in Victorian clothes. Please do not rush out to buy a new outfit; with imagination you can use what you have in your wardrobe and create a Victorian look. Please ensure that your child wears a coat as they will need it at play and lunchtime.

We are always looking for donations so if you have any outfits hiding in your loft, please consider bringing them to the office. There is always a good home waiting for them.

Parents will be invited to a special assembly to hear what their children learned. Date to be confirmed so look out for messages.



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