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CURRICULUM NEWS



RE News

The children will have taken home an Easter Booklet this week so please spend some time reading it with your children. Reading these booklets together helps the children to understand and prepare for the wonderful season of Easter. There are also puzzles for the children to complete to make it fun. The latest RE newsletter has been emailed separately so please read through it to see what topic your child is learning about this half term.

Holy Week Mass Times at Christchurch (25th March - 1st April)



Holy Week

Sunday 25th March – PALM SUNDAY.

9.30am and 11.30am Masses begin in the Priory Garden with the blessing of the palms and a procession into the church led by a donkey. Please come early as you will be very welcome to meet Ned and join the procession from the start.

Thursday 29th March – MAUNDY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

8pm. This Mass includes the Procession of the Oils and the Washing of the Feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be at the Altar of Repose until midnight so please use this opportunity for silent prayer. First Holy Communicants are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Friday 30th March – GOOD FRIDAY.

10am - Stations of the Cross

12 Noon - Children's Good Friday Liturgy

3pm – Solemn Liturgy, including the Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. There will be a Novena will follow this service, at approx. 5pm

Saturday 31st March – HOLY SATURDAY

10am – Blessing of Food.

11am - Novena

11am-11.50am – Reconciliation

9pm – Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 1st April – EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am – Children's Mass

11am- Novena

11.30am – Sung Mass

6.30pm – Said Mass



Y5 Class Assembly and Samba Concert

Y5 children are having a busy week!

They are looking forward to their Greek assembly on Tuesday 27th March in the Gym Hall. It will begin at 2.45pm. Please arrive on time. All family members are welcome.

On Wednesday 28th March they will be putting on a concert, showing all they have learned with the Samba teacher this term. The concert will start at 3.30pm and take place in the Gym Hall. It is an uplifting show so we look forward to seeing you there.



Y3 Liturgical Dance

The children are ready to show their parents what they have been learning with the Liturgical Dance teacher this term. Their performance will take place on Tuesday 27th March at 9am. Please wait to see both classes perform. It should last about 15 minutes.



NFL Football Training

Y4 children are currently being treated to some American football training during their PE lesson every Wednesday. The University of Greenwich is supplying two coaches every week and the children are enjoying this new sport.



Cycling Proficiency

Well done to Class L children who had cycling proficiency this week. Their tutors were so pleased with them. The children were good listeners, polite and eager to learn. Well done to Miss Hogan who organised the week.



Nursery

The Nursery children looked so smart for their photographs today but sometimes different clothes are worn, not always appropriate for coming to school (intricate zips/buttons). This makes it hard for them to be independent. Please try your best to send them to school wearing the nursery sweatshirt and navy jogging bottoms. Many thanks.

GENERAL NEWS



Class Photos

The photographer has been on site today taking informal style class photos. Y6 had a combined traditional photo taken with both classes-M and N as well as their individual class photo. As soon as the proofs come back we will send them home with the children.



Let's keep kids safe online

Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend the e-safety workshop. I hope you found it informative. If you can spare a few minutes to fill in the questionnaire please do so as we can then build on the feedback that we receive. The questionnaire has already been emailed to you.



After School Clubs

After school clubs for this term have now finished. They will resume in the new term so look out for renewal letters and emails.



PA Events

Many thanks to the PA for organising a thoroughly enjoyable St Patrick's Evening. The atmosphere was very relaxed and people enjoyed milling around having the craic! I think the musician would have stayed to the early hours if he could! There was £1000 profit made on the evening so dear old St Patrick will be pleased!

The next PA event will be the Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Thursday 29th March.

All children, including the Nursery, will take part in the Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. The children love hunting for the eggs so say a prayer for a dry day. All children will require an egg basket/container to collect the eggs so please send it to school with your child on that day. Many thanks to the PA for organising the event.

Start brushing up on your general knowledge for the ever popular Quiz Night. This is scheduled for Saturday 28th April so put the date in your diary if you fancy a challenge! It is always a very popular evening so if you can get a team together make sure that you get your tickets early. Teams can have up to eight people so if you haven't got eight you may join up with another team on the night. It is all good fun!

Tickets are £5 each and the PA are selling the tickets now. Please phone Emma Rowley on 07731 815333 or email stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com for ticket details.

It is also that time for the Annual School Magazine. Contributions from the children are needed, and as the Easter Holidays are looming, please get your children to put something together. It can be a drawing/painting, short story/poem, holiday fun, pet news, achievements outside of school or photographs/ details from a holiday they may have been on. The deadline for contributions is Friday 20th April so please send your work to the PA email (stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com) before this date. There is a very tight schedule this year so entries need to be sent on time.

Final Day of Term

Parents are reminded that the school will finish slightly earlier next Thursday – 2pm. Children must be collected by an adult. If your children normally walk home on their own, please arrange for an adult to collect them on that day. No child will be allowed to leave the school on their own before 3.15pm.

Children will return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 17th April.

Monday 16th April is a staff training day so children will not attend.

With kind regards

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