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CURRICULUM NEWS



RE News

The Wednesday Word this week is self giving. This is the opposite of being selfish. Be aware of the needs and feelings of others. Share God's love and give generously.

Classes Land J will visit Christchurch on Tuesday 13th March for the Stations of the Cross. Parents can join them there if they wish. Class L will be there at 11am and Class J at 1.30pm.



Science Day-Friday 9th March

The children had great fun today with the visiting scientists. All the classes were involved and science was made child friendly. Miss Winter has organised another Science Day on June 22nd so the children will follow on from what they were doing today. Thank you to Miss Winter for organising these days.



Wrotham Model Making Competition

After their residential trip to Wrotham in January the Y6 children were given the chance to make a model reflecting the time they spent there. The models were on display in the Gym Hall for the parents to see when they attended the Wrotham Assembly. It was a light hearted competition with the Sisters of Mercy acting as judges. Many thanks to all the children who entered.

1st - Denver, 2nd - Adrianna, 3rd - Jacob



Y3 Liturgical Dance

Parents are invited to watch their children's dance display on Tuesday 27th March at 9am in the Dining Hall. This should last approx. 15 minutes.



Class Assemblies

Please take note of the following Class Assembly dates:

YR	Wednesday 21 st March	2.45pm
Y5	Tuesday 27 th March	2.45pm

All assemblies will take place in the Gym Hall. Please arrive on time. Children should not be disturbed by latecomers whilst in the middle of their assembly. All family members are welcome.

GENERAL NEWS



Scoot to School Day

The rain did not quell the children's enthusiasm to scoot to school on Wednesday. Miss Hogan and Mrs Whitewood were delighted to see the children coming in on their scooters and had a lovely snack waiting for them. Well done. It will be the turn of the Juniors next so look out for more information. Many thanks to Mrs Whitewood and Miss Hogan for organising this successful event.

Wow Badge Competition

There was a great response to the WOW badge competition. The designs were spectacular so well done to all the children who took part.

The four finalists are:

Henry Potts	Y4	Wole Akinyede	Y4
Olivia Demetriou	Y3	Oliver Marnham	Y1

Their displays will be sent off to the National Competition and may end up on future badges.



Class Photographs

The photographers will be on site on Friday 23rd March to take the children's class photos with their teachers. Class M and N will have a combined photo as well as their individual class photos. This is a lovely keepsake to look back on when they are older.

NSPCC - Parents Online Safety Workshop

There are spaces available for parents to attend this workshop on Tuesday 20th March at 9am. It should last approx. 1 hour. These workshops are invaluable to keep parents informed about safety online. Please leave your name at the Main Office if you wish to attend.



Be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We get complaints from the residents about rudeness from parents and their inability to park properly. It is common courtesy to be aware of this when parking near any school.

The staff car park is not available for parents to park in. Please do not park there.



Parents' Evening Slips Wednesday 14th / Thursday 15th March

Everyone will have received their times now so I hope you are pleased. Y5/6 children are invited to attend the meeting as they are getting older and taking more responsibility for their work. This will become second nature when they are at Secondary School. Parents are invited to meet the teachers in both the Dining Hall and the Gym Hall – see below the class layout.

Dining Hall

YR	Mrs Shallice/Mrs White/Miss Hogan
Y1	Miss Phipps/Mrs Harkin/Mrs Piechota
Y2	Mrs Hansen/Mrs Bone
	Mrs Evans-SENCO

Gym Hall

Y3	Mrs Turpin/Miss Greene
Y4	Miss Dineen/Mrs Whitewood
Y5	Miss Winter/Miss Gawor
Y6	Mr Sims/Miss Collins

Children will finish school at 3pm on both days and every child must be collected at 3pm even if you have an early appointment. Parents should wait in the usual place to collect their children. The slightly earlier finish gives the teachers time to prepare for the meetings. If you have an early appointment please allow the cleaners a few minutes to empty bins etc before you go into the classroom to view exercise books. Books will be on display in the classrooms so make sure you look at them prior to your meeting.



Nursery Parents

Our playground assistants have noticed that some Nursery parents are giving sweets to children in the playground when they drop off for Afternoon Nursery. This should not happen. Thank you for your co-operation.



Touch Rugby Tournament

Well done to the Touch Rugby team who were triumphant in the competition at St Pauls on Tuesday. The final game was very close but St Mary's won the day with a last minute try, in extra time, from Archie Snelling. Our Lady of Grace were the opponents in the final.

Many thanks to Mr Sims and Mr McGrath for looking after the team and to all the parents who volunteered to provide transport.

The team consisted of the following children:

Lunah Greenfield, Layla Crouch Salmon, Olivia Marchant Pratt, Jacob Jeffrey (Captain), Oscar Davies, Oliver Smith, Stanley Hall, Archie Snelling and Filip Adamczewski.

Diocesan Advice regarding Unexplained Absences

There have been public cases in the past where schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are not at school. It has transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, e.g illness of a parent and a child left unable to help.

We want to do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring at St Mary's. I am sure you agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all.

If your child is not going to be at school please call the Main Office on 020 8850 7835. You can leave a message or if you wish to speak to someone please follow the instructions on the phone to get through to talk to the Office Staff. You can also email if it is easier. This message should be done on the first day of your child's absence and followed up if your child is going to be absent for a few days.

If we have not heard by 9am then we will start to call the contact numbers that you have provided in order to get the reason for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is we may then have to make a home visit. Failing that, the police may have to get involved as your child will become a "missing child".

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent. If you would like to talk to someone in the school regarding this, please get in touch with the Main Office.

It is very important for us to know that all contact details are kept updated. If you change your number please let us know. It is also important that any family members/friends who are points of contact are aware of this and their numbers are also made known to the school. We should have 4 numbers on file to refer to.

PA NEWS

PA Events

Many thanks to the PA for organising the Mother's Day gifts. The children were delighted to be able to choose a nice gift on their own. A great deal of effort goes into organising these events. It is so lovely to see everything running smoothly and efficiently.

Friday 16th March – Event for St Patrick's Day

There are still tickets available so do come along if you can. The PA are excited about this new event so come along if you can. Bring other family members and friends and get the weekend off to a good start. Tickets can be bought from the Main Office as well as from the PA members selling them in the parents' waiting area (adults £5, child £2).

A live band is performing and you will be treated to an Irish dancing display. There will be a licenced bar and nibbles on the tables. There will also be a raffle with great prizes. Look at the posters with detailed information which are displayed around the school.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED SO PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 29th March

All children will take part in the Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. Eggs are provided by the PA.

A very happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. I hope you can relax and enjoy your day.

With kind regards

M A Jackson
Headteacher