

Weekly Newsletter  
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

This week Y6 ambassadors welcomed prospective parents in the school. The parents gave such positive feedback about St Mary's and all the students that showed them round. The ambassadors spoke proudly about our Catholic ethos; our new facilities and how the staff go that extra mile in making sure that the children get an excellent education here.

Mr Sims and Mrs Evans took out four rugby teams as part of our partnership with Blackheath Rugby Club on Thursday. In the children's first inter school competition; they did tremendously well in difficult weather conditions. At the end, one of the Y3 teams were victorious and brought home a trophy – the third tag rugby trophy we have won this year.

Finally, this week in school we have received cricket coaching for Y4 students. The cricket coaches reported that it was a great first session and they are looking forward to developing the students skills.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

#### WEEK BEGINNING 15th JANUARY

##### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Closing date for applying for a place in Reception to start in September 2023.

##### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Life Education Bus on site  
Y6 Reconciliation 11am - Christchurch

##### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Class C Children visit Eltham Library  
Y5 Educational Visit to Hall Place

#### UNIFORM

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. Items of uniform are mislaid and children are not able to locate them because their names are not on them. This includes their PE kit.

Many thanks for your support

#### 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.

SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE

## APPLYING TO ST MARY'S

If you are applying for your child to start Reception in September 2023, please be aware that the closing date for applications is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Everybody must apply online to Greenwich Council or your local authority if you do not live in Greenwich Borough, as **well as** providing a completed supplementary form to St Mary's. Please ensure all the supporting documents are provided with the form.

We cannot stress enough the importance of submitting the correct forms. Failure to do so could prevent your child from joining St Mary's in September

## ENVIRONMENT TALKS

Next week we have a woman on site called Mattea Pauc from a company called Re-Educating Earthlings, to talk to the children about the environment and how we can all work towards making our planet more sustainable.

Please click on the link to read about Mattea's story and talk to your children about how we can all improve the way we live.

<https://www.re-educatingearthlings.com/>

## SCHOOL DINNERS

Dinner money for this half term (until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February) is £72.52 (£12.95 per week) for all Junior children.

Payment can be made through Wisepay.

If you think that you are entitled to Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please speak to one of the office staff.

Family circumstances may have changed and this benefit may help your family. Help can be given towards school uniform, after school clubs and school trips.

Every enquiry will be treated in confidence.

## FAITH FRIENDS

Mrs Kingdon and the Faith Friends are holding a prayer group every Friday at lunchtime, to discuss the Gospel and readings that will be read at all Masses the following Sunday.

The meeting is planned and led by the Faith Friends who are leading the Infant children in collective worship.

## PARKING

Please make sure you park safely and considerately around the school. Our main concern is always the safety of the children and we have had complaints that children are not able to approach the school with full view of what is coming down the road. Please do not park on the double yellow lines or the zigzag lines outside the school. They are there for a reason so please take it seriously.

The owners of the garages, just down the road from the school, have complained recently that parents regularly park across the entrance, therefore, stopping the owners from being able to leave. Please be mindful.

## LIFE EDUCATION TENT

Next week, St Marys will be welcoming a teacher from Coram Life Education to lead sessions as part of the children's PSHE learning.

Coram Life Education is the leading provider of relationships, health, wellbeing, and drugs education to almost half a million children across the UK, delivered under the strapline 'Helping Children Make Healthy Choices'.

The children always enjoy these engaging sessions, reuniting with Harold the Giraffe, the program's mascot. We are all looking forward to seeing them.

Each year group will discuss the following topics:

Nursery	Taking Care of Myself
Reception	All About Me
Y1	My Wonderful Body
Y2	Feelings
Y3	Meet the Brain
Y4	It's Great to be Me
Y5	Friends
Y6	Decisions