

Weekly Newsletter  
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

Thank you to all who came down to our official opening of Faith Friends and Mercy Stadium today. It was such a proud moment to see all aspects of our community represented.

We were joined by Ben Garner, Charlton Athletic Manger, and Clive Efford, our local MP. Ben cut the ribbon and officially opened our new facilities.

Thank you to the members of the Parents Association for providing the refreshments and Mrs Kingdon (Linda), Mr Asante and Mrs Pampling who helped ensure the event ran smoothly.

We hope you have a nice weekend!

Mr J Sims and Miss C Phipps  
Headteachers



WEEK BEGINNING 17/10/2022

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Y6 visiting Thomas Tallis Secondary School to meet author Catherine Jackson

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>/Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Greenwich Tag Rugby Festival for Junior children

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop run by the Magic Lantern Company

Half term break begins at 3.15pm

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF MERCY CHARITY

*On behalf of everyone at House of Mercy Charity, we would like to thank you for the very welcome donations of food this Harvest.*

*The homeless men and women at the three hostels will benefit greatly from such generosity.*

*A special thank you to Mrs Kingdon and the Faith Friends for their involvement in organising and delivering the donations.*

*Wishing each of you every blessing,*

*Sister Susan, on behalf of the Sisters*

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SEN PARENTS EVENINGS  
TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>/WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>/THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Parents have been contacted to book their appointment with Mrs Lopez, our SEN Coordinator. Different times are available over three days. The appointments on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> are face-to-face appointments and on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Mrs Lopez will hold virtual meetings for parents who are unable to come on site.

Please ensure you book your appointment on time.

### SPORTS NEWS

A busy week for sports!

On Tuesday, St Mary's participated in the *Greenwich Tag-Rugby Tournament* at Colfe's Rugby Club. We finished second in the tournament, narrowly missing the top spot by one try! Pupils behaved excellently and were awarded the *School Games Award for Respect*. Well done to all the children for trying their best!

On Thursday, some of our Y6 children participated in the *Charlton Athletic Football Tournament* at Footscray Rugby Club. The team won their first four games and made it to the semi-final. They were beaten by the eventual winners Upton Primary School.

Well done to everyone for doing so well!



### SAMARITIAN'S PURSE

The School Council would like St Mary's to support the Samaritan's Purse charity this year, however we want to avoid putting financial pressure on parents. In this week's School Council meeting the children discussed the cost of living crisis and for this reason, rather than filling an entire shoebox, we would like families to consider purchasing one gift for the box. These do not need to be wrapped – just label whether the gift is for a boy or girl and the age group. Gifts can then be put together in boxes per class or year group.

If anyone has spare shoeboxes, please wrap them in Christmas paper and bring them to school. The school council will help to put all the boxes together. However, if you would prefer to fill a whole shoebox, this is equally fine. Please be aware there is no pressure and remember our environment!

To send the boxes, the charity asks for a £5 donation; the form can be completed online if this is something you would like to do.

To look at the good work this charity does please click on the link below:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### RBG POETRY COMPETITION

In celebration of *National Poetry Day*, Royal Borough Greenwich are inviting all students from Greenwich borough schools to enter their poetry competition.

The theme this year is **The Environment**.

Children can write any type of poem inspired by the theme of **The Environment**. The maximum number of lines, per poem, is 20. There will be a winner and a runner up for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

In school, there will be a winner and runner up in each class!

**Children can either hand their entries to Mrs Thaxter or email the main office (with their full name and class) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

Use the half term holiday to get composing!

### Y6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

If anyone requires help completing their application form for secondary school, please do not hesitate to call the school. The deadline for submitting the forms is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Supplementary Forms must also be completed when applying to Faith schools such as St Thomas More Comprehensive School

If you are getting your form signed with Fr John at Christchurch, please refer to his timetable on the church newsletter.

### HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

If your child brings a packed lunch to school please ensure that they have a healthy range of food. Please note that sweets, fizzy drinks, chocolate bars and nuts are not allowed.

## CHRISTMAS AT CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch is holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November between 10am – 1pm. They would like donations for the following stalls: toy, book, bottle and any new unwanted presents that you may have.

Please leave donations in the black bins at the back of the church.

If you are interested in running your own stall please contact the parish office.

More information about this event will follow.

## PA NEWS

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

*Fireworks Night  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
At The Oaks, Eltham Town FC,  
176 Starbuck Close, SE9 2TD*

Please come along to this exciting family event, which is taking place at a new venue (see above). Gates will open at 6pm and the firework display will start at 7pm. Hot food and drinks will be available, and you will also be able to purchase drinks from the bar.

Tickets can be purchased in advance through Ticket Taylor (adults £6.50, children £3.50).

<https://buytickets.at/stmaryspa/775494>.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, tickets can be purchased by the wider community. Friends and families can purchase but be quick....tickets for this popular event sell out quickly.

Many thanks to all families for their continued support.

## MEDICAL NEWS

### POLIO VACCINATION – MESSAGE FROM ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

All children aged 1-9 in London are being offered a polio vaccine. For some children this will be an extra dose, for others it will bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in Greenwich is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

If your child is aged 1 to 4 local NHS services will be in contact to book your vaccine

If your child is aged 5 to 9 you can book your appointment now at [selondonics.nhs.uk/polio-vaccination](http://selondonics.nhs.uk/polio-vaccination).

### FLU VACCINATION

Details of the vaccination has been sent to parents so please refer to the email. Consent can be given by following this link -

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oi41/144091> or if you would prefer a printed copy please let us know. The nursing immunisation team would like all parents to complete the form, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not.

## A MINDFUL MOMENT

### *Don't Jump to Conclusions*

*There is great truth in the familiar saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover". We often prejudge people by their appearance or the sound of their voice. Being mindful means seeing everything in the present moment, without leaping to unfounded conclusions.*

## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have had complaints from the residents of Glenure Road and the surrounding roads that parents are parking dangerously at drop off and pick up times, which may lead to a fatality. Residents have also noticed that parents leave their cars running whilst stationary. If you plan to be stationary for any length of time, please switch your engine off.

Ensure, at all times, the safety of children. Please accept that sometimes you may have to walk a short distance by parking away from the school. Restrictions are in operation at certain times of the day but the morning and afternoon times are not affected by these restrictions.

Thank you for your support.

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