

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 18/10/2021

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st October

Book Week. The children have a busy week ahead of them to celebrate book week. The week will end on Thursday 21st with a parade, when the children dress up as their favourite book character.

Tuesday 19th October

Class 3G will celebrate their class Mass in The Convent.

Roman Day for Y4 children at Kent Life. Children come to school dressed as a Roman.

Thursday 21st October

Children's parade

Friday 22nd October

Inset Day for staff training. Children should not attend school on this day.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy week at school. It was lovely seeing parents on site to meet their children's teachers face to face.

All the staff are looking forward to Book Week next week. We will be celebrating reading with a wide range of activities including author visits and dressing up as our favourite book characters. Please talk to your children about this event and continue to support with their reading at home.

Reading is such an important skill; it is the foundation of so much of the curriculum at school. Every book gives you an opportunity to learn new things and explore new ideas.

I would like to refer to the email and information sent out regarding the planned Sports Pitch. The fundraising is already gathering momentum so many thanks for your support so far. As a school, we feel very positive about reaching the target amount, which will be of great benefit to all the children attending St Mary's.

<https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stmaryssportspitch>

Have a very nice weekend.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERS IN THE CONVENT

Dear parents, children and all the staff of St. Mary's

On behalf of the charities working with homeless people that we support, we thank you for your wonderful generosity, especially during the Harvest Festival. We really appreciate your efforts in donating so many items of food and toiletries, which we will be moving on to the various centres.

With grateful thanks and wishing you and your families every blessing,

Sisters of Mercy.

BOOK WEEK

Miss Collins has put together a very exciting week. There will be visiting authors and poets on site and an outside book company, the Travelling Book Company, will also be on site giving children the opportunity to buy books each lunch time and after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (gym hall).

Parents can come with their children after school to see the selection of books. As Christmas approaches, you may be able to buy some books as presents. Come along to see the large selection on sale.

Children will have lots of fun all week focusing on books/literature so encourage their enthusiasm. All children will take part in a parade on **Thursday 21st** when they can dress up as a character from a book. Try to put something together from odd bits in your cupboards. It is more fun and gets the children involved. It is amazing what one can find lurking! I know some parents have a natural flair but we should not lose sight of the fact that it is a fun event-nothing serious-so please do not go to any expense. Any children in elaborate costumes may get uncomfortable during the day so maybe they can change into something more comfortable after the parade.

Parents are invited together in the Infant playground to watch as each class parades around, weather permitting. The children will all go the gym hall afterwards for an assembly.

Photographs from the whole week will be added to the school Twitter page.

RBG POETRY COMPETITION

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

The theme for National Poetry Day is **CHOICE**.

Children can write any type of poem that they like inspired by the theme of **choice**. 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 hand their entries to Miss Collins (with their full name and class) by Friday 5th November.

Use the half term holiday to get composing!

NEW MENU

The new menu for the new half term has been uploaded onto the website. Please take a look. There is a wide selection of food available for the children. As the weather gets colder many children enjoy a hot school dinner so please encourage them. Children can change their lunch pattern after half term; please inform the main office if this is the case.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/Menu_Autumn_2021.pdf

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Oliver Marnham, 5L was awarded Cub of the Year with the 8th Royal Eltham Scout group for his commitment and achievements over the last year.

Well done Oliver!



Ruben Singh, RA, has just learned to ride his bike, unaided! A big achievement for Ruben.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we approach Remembrance Day (November 11th), please look out for Mrs Kingdon and the Faith Friends selling poppies for The Royal British Legion.

A very worthy cause to remember all the people who have given their lives for the service of our country.

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We are currently awaiting information/leaflets from Samaritan's Purse for this year's Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal). We will send the leaflets home with the children when they arrive at school. The half term holiday is an ideal time to put this together with your children.

Select a child's age category (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14), get an empty medium sized shoebox wrapping the lid and box separately in colourful Christmas wrapping paper and fill the shoebox with small gifts e.g. small dolls, skipping ropes, school supplies and hygiene items. The label indicating whether the gifts are for a boy or girl should be attached. Let us try to put a smile on children's faces by sending lots of shoeboxes.

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

I would like to draw your attention, once again, to parking outside the school at drop off and pick up times. 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 and this may lead to a fatality.

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. If this is the case so be it as it is preferable to putting lives in danger. I realise there are restrictions at certain times of the day but the morning and afternoon times are not affected by these restrictions.

Thank you for your support.

Y4 CAREER TALK

Many thanks to Leonie Buck, a past pupil of St Mary's and St Thomas More, for coming to talk to the Y4 children about her job and a future career in the media/TV industry. It may seem young to be thinking about a future career but Leonie was very engaging with the children and the children responded by asking many questions. They were genuinely interested.

Throughout this year, the Y4 children will be discussing the different jobs that exist. If you would like to come to school to talk about your job, please

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all the parents who arrived on time and ensuring that everything went smoothly. Many thanks for collecting the children slightly earlier on both days. It was really appreciated by the teachers who could get themselves ready for the first appointment.

I hope you left feeling happy with the progress your child is making and knowing what the next steps are.

PA NEWS

St Mary's Parent's Association are very excited to be able to plan some events this year. Please put the following dates in your diary.

Bags2School Collection	08/11/21
Fireworks Evening	06/11/21
Wreath Making	03/12/21
Christmas Fair	04/12/21
Children's Disco	10/12/21

The next big event on the calendar is **Fireworks Night!** This is a fun evening for the whole family with a bbq, soft drinks, entertainment and a fireworks display. Get your friends and family together and enjoy the fireworks!

Tickets are still available to purchase so please click on the link below to ensure you have your tickets.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspafireworks>

Helpers will be required on the day of this big event to help set up, on the evening of the fireworks and on the day after to help clear up. Please put your name forward if you can spare some time. Maybe get together with some friends to team up; many hands do make light work!

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION

The clothes collection will take place on Monday 8th November. If you are planning a declutter in your home, please bag up the items you no longer require and bring them to school on November 8th. Members of the PA will be situated in the parents waiting area under the bike shelter.

Items, in good condition, that you can donate include:

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, household linen, towels and curtains.