

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 17th September 2021

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week was the start of our democratic process to elect our head boy and head girl. Children in Y6 presented to their peers for a chance to go through to the final rounds next Friday. To stand up in front of people and present your ideas and vision takes courage, so please join me in congratulating the following boys and girls:

***Edward, Oliver, Jack, Jacob, Teddy and Kieran  
Daisy, Eva, Summer, Jasmine, Betsy, Olivia and Grace***

The senior leadership team have been looking at the children's work this week and are so impressed with the children's presentation. At St Mary's, we encourage the children to take pride in everything they do, from coming into school smartly dressed to ensuring that all their work is the best they can do.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child then please contact Mr Sims who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

#### WEEK BEGINNING 13/09/2021

##### Monday 20th

Reception children will stay at school all day – 8.55am – 3.15pm.

##### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Class 4I – Week long intensive swimming lessons

##### Tuesday 21st

Class Mass: 10am – 6M. Due to space restrictions, parents are unable to attend.

#### Uniform

If you have any school uniform that you no longer want please take it to the main office. Mrs Kingdon will be holding a uniform sale on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 2.30pm** in the Infant playground.

We are aware that many parents are interested in purchasing our uniform so please come and have a look. Items start from 50p.

The children can wear their summer uniform up to the October half term. If you are purchasing items for the winter uniform please note that coats and jackets must be navy blue, without any logos. The school sells hats and scarves with the St Mary's logo.

Earrings are not allowed. This is stated clearly in our policy.

## WORLD CAR FREE DAY WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

This is an important day for all of us. We are encouraging parents to leave their cars at home on this day and walk to school. We do understand that this may not be possible for some families but we must try to do our best. Our environment needs our help.

Many thanks for your support.

### YEAR 4 INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Y4 children are taking part in intensive swimming lessons in The Eltham Centre from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Details have been sent to the Y4 parents. Class I will participate from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Class J from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Y4 children will require a packed lunch for the week that they are taking part in their lessons. If your child requires a school packed lunch please let the main office know.

### MUSIC NEWS

The music tutors are back on site so please remind your child to bring their instrument on the correct day. Also, encourage them to practice regularly. The tutors love to see children progressing and practice really does make perfect! Some instruments can be hired from the school. Details about hire fee will be uploaded to Wisepay.

There are still some spaces so if you would like your child to join the lessons please enquire.

Mrs McGarry, our music co-ordinator, will be inviting new children to audition for the chamber choir in October. More details will follow

### Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION MEETING

There will be a meeting at St Mary's for Y6 parents and their children to explain the application process for Secondary School on **Thursday 23rd September at 6pm.**

Staff members from St Thomas More Comprehensive will attend to answer any questions you may have.

The closing date for application to secondary school is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure all your paperwork is completed and returned to all schools by this date.

Should any parent need help with the forms or need any information about applying to secondary school, please get in touch with the main office. We will gladly help.

### HARVEST MASS

We are happy to say that the Annual Harvest Mass will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Due to space restrictions parents cannot attend the Mass. St Mary's collects food/toiletry items for Providence Row, a charitable organisation that supports homeless and vulnerable people, so please give generously.

Food must be non-perishable, sealed and in date e.g., tinned meat and fish, rice, pasta, dried herbs and spices, tea and coffee. Cleaning products, toiletries and plastic cutlery are always needed too. One item will make a difference to someone's life.

Thank you very much for your support

### SCHOOL FUND

Each year we ask parents for a voluntary contribution (£10 per family) to subsidise extra events. If you are able to contribute, please log onto your child's Wisepay account where you will see "school fund 2021/2022".

This fund helps to subsidise visiting theatre companies, merit awards etc. All children in the school benefit from these special events.

Many thanks for your support.

## BOOK CORNER

National Poetry Day is taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Have a look in your library at different poetry books and read them with your children. Some poetry is very witty and amusing!

The children in KS2 are beginning to study one poem per month. This month's poet is Liv Torc, who writes all her poetry on bananas! Here is a sample of her work:

*We're dancing in the kitchen  
with boogie woogie spins,  
twirling round the lino,  
crashing into bins.*

*The music makes us happy,  
pulsing through the floor.  
Mummy turns it up  
and we conga out the door*

## READING

Please listen to your Infant children read a book **EVERY DAY**.

Junior children should also read to their parents. Contact books need to be signed regularly and we encourage Junior children to read independently for at least twenty minutes.

It is important to encourage a love of reading so please remember that as parents we should be modelling this to our children.

Reading is the gateway to so much other learning so please make this a priority at home.

## BOOK WEEK

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> October**

More details will follow regarding this week celebrating books so look out for this information. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October the children will be able to come to school dressed as a book character. You may want to start thinking about this with your child to choose an outfit. We do not want parents to go to great expense so have a look at the raw materials you have at home and be creative!

Parents will be able to see all the children in their outfits at a parade on the morning of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The after school clubs (Y1 – Y6) are now up and running so please refer to the timetable with the club days and times.

Emails have already been sent to parents with details of booking children into specific clubs and making payment.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the main office to discuss the after school clubs. We may be able to assist.

We are currently looking into coding/robotics clubs so please look out for information about these. We will inform parents as soon as they are booked.

French club will resume week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October for KS1 and KS2 children. Details of the French club has been sent to parents so if you are registering your child, please use your child's name as a reference when making payment. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Randell on 07985 480780.

## 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. Details to follow. Many thanks to all the parents who came to the meeting on Wednesday. We were delighted to see some new faces!

PA AGM	<b>07/10/21</b>
Bags2School Collection	<b>08/11/21</b>
Fireworks Evening	<b>06/11/21</b>
Wreath Making	<b>03/12/21</b>
Christmas Fair	<b>04/12/21</b>
Children's Disco	<b>10/12/21</b>

We would like to remind parents that the PA have signed up to a few different sites to help with fundraising.

Amazon Smile on the Amazon app will donate to St Mary's PA a percentage of the money spent on Amazon.

School lottery is very simple to play. Go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> and type in St Mary's RC primary, choose your numbers and wait for the draw on Saturday. All proceeds go to the school Parents Association.

Clothing Labels: If you shop with Nametags, please use this ID code at the checkout and St Mary's PA receive 20% of your order value - 70163  
<https://www.mynametags.com/>