

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 22/11/2021

Monday 22nd November

Y5 Workshop on Anglo Saxon

Tuesday 23rd November

Class I celebrate their class Mass in the Convent

Thursday 25th November

Y6 Educational Visit to Kent Life

Anti-Bullying Week

We were pleased to celebrate Anti-Bullying week this week which started with our Odd Socks Day on Monday. In my assembly, when I asked a child why they had worn odd socks, they replied, 'To remind us that we are all odd!' I thought that was an excellent understanding of why we celebrate this week. All of us are unique and special; and have a range of different experiences and background. We should celebrate our differences and accept that others are different to us.

The theme of this year's week was 'Kindness' and this was reflected in the activities that the children completed in class. I speak on behalf of the staff who are so proud to work at a school where the children show kindness to each other every day.

British Values

I also spoke to the juniors this week about British Values, we speak a lot about our school values in school but our instinctively British Values weave through all that we do, but it is important for children to know explicitly what they are; this helps them understand how they fit into our society as they grow. We understand these values to be:

- 1) Democracy
- 2) The Rule of Law
- 3) Respect and Tolerance
- 4) Individual Liberty

Please talk to your children about these values, as although we may take them for granted, they underpin so much in our society.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday 28th November

Advent begins

Wednesday 1st December

Y6 Samba Concert

Thursday 2nd/Friday 3rd December

Fr John on site blessing crib figures

Friday 3rd December

PA Event – Wreath Making

Saturday 4th December

PA Event – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 7th /Wednesday 8th December

Infant Nativity

Thursday 9th December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Friday 10th December

PA Event – Children's Disco

Monday 13th December

Instrumental Concert

Wednesday 15th December

Junior Carol Concert at Christchurch

Thursday 15th December

School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holiday

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We were all delighted to see how brilliantly everyone engaged with the theme “*One Kind Word*” during anti-bullying week. The children looked wonderful in their odd socks on Monday and really understood the power of celebrating and embracing our differences in this simple way.

Our Kindness Tree has bloomed and blossomed through the week, now heavy with the many kind words our school community have added to it. We will hold on to these thoughts of kindness and gratitude as we move towards the season of Advent.



“If in our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work.”

Y6 WW2 WORKSHOP

As part of their research into rationing during WW2, Y6 baked a wartime chocolate cake using the ingredients that would have been available in the 1940s. They had great fun weighing out the ingredients, mixing and baking but more importantly, tasting the finished product!

They also had the Magic Lantern company in to talk about art during WW2. We had great fun looking at different artists and their interpretations of war!



PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you are entitled to Benefits Related Free School Meals, please contact the main office for more information. The form is very simple to complete and can be put through our system to get an answer quickly.

Not only can the children receive free school meals, help can also be given towards the cost of after school clubs, music lessons, uniform and school trips.

All enquiries will be treated with confidence so please do not hesitate to ask.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Lissie Wohlman and Archie Clarke (2F) both represented 3rd Royal Eltham Beavers in the Remembrance Sunday celebrations.

Well done to the children.



CLASS 6M

The children and teachers from Y6, class M were based in the gym hall this week as their classrooms were being rewired.

Lessons took place as normal and the children have been amazing adapting to their temporary environment.

Many thanks to the teachers and TA's for making this temporary arrangement work without fuss.

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

PA EVENTS

Wreath Making

03/12/21

This is always a very popular event. The gym hall will turn into a haven of creativity while adults come and create a beautiful wreath for their front door. There is a real feeling of achievement when you see the finished wreath! Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Please click on the link below to book your slot as we still have spaces available:

<https://buytickets.at/stmaryswreathmaking/608798>

There are two timeslots to book – 1.30pm and 6pm. Tickets cost £25, which will include all the materials to make a wreath, a glass of mulled wine and wonderful company!

Christmas Fair

04/12/21

Santa's Grotto will be open at the Christmas Fair from 12noon - 4pm. Tickets are now available to purchase. Spaces are limited so we are asking for this to remain for the children of St Mary's. Please ensure that families only have one timeslot as a family and the additional child tickets for siblings. If you have more than one timeslot please contact the PA stmaryspaetham@gmail.com

Please click on this link to purchase tickets:

<https://fixr.co/event/308802426>

Mrs McGarry will also be singing with her adult choir at 1pm so please come along to listen to some beautiful singing. Mrs McGarry will also be leading the Chamber Choir singing Christmas melodies at 2pm. The singing is already sounding magnificent so please come along on the day to enjoy!

Children's Disco

10/12/21

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 22nd November. Parents will be able to purchase them through Wisepay. Please look out for the volunteer rotas which the class Reps will be circulating.

3.15pm – 4.15pm	Reception, Y1 and Y2
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Y3 and Y4
5.45pm – 6.45pm	Y5 and Y6

General PA Information

Next week the PA will be collecting any bottles for the tombola and any unused gifts/toys, all for the Christmas Fair.

We raised £81.00 for the clothes collection and £685.00 for the Christmas card project, well done all!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that the after school clubs will finish for this term the week beginning 6th December. Please look out for information about rebooking clubs for the new term in January.

Emails will come from Mrs Jeffrey in the main office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children have been given the proofs to take home. Photos can be ordered online and they will then be delivered to the school. We will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

Photos make a cherished Christmas gift so ensure you order promptly.

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