

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 01/11/2021

Sunday 31st October

Closing date for application for secondary school

Monday 1st November

The children return to school wearing full winter uniform

All Saints Day

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr John will be on site to celebrate Mass for All Saints. Whole school to attend.

Tuesday 2nd November

Immunisation nurses on site giving the flu vaccine to children

Friday 5th November

School photographer on site taking children's individual photos.

Saturday 6th November

PA Event. Fireworks night

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have reached the end of the first half term of this year. It has been busy and the break will give us all time to relax.

Well done to the children for making such a great start to the year, for the parents' support and for all the staff at St Mary's for working so hard to ensure that the children have returned to normal school life.

I have included some attendance figures for your attention. Although we are still in an uncertain period, children's attendance at school is vitally important. Absences from school cause gaps in learning which cannot always be revisited. Individual attendance letters for children under 95% will be sent to parents after half term.

When we return to school on Monday 1st November we will be on the countdown to Christmas. It is a wonderful time at school with many events taking place e.g. Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Concert. Look out for this information. The calendar on our website is regularly updated.

I wish you a restful week ahead and every blessing for a safe and healthy holiday.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM

The children will return to school on Monday 1st November at 8.55am.

They are all required to wear their full winter uniform. Ties must be worn so please ensure the top button of the shirt is done up. Tights must be navy blue or white. Grey trousers are optional for boys and girls. Please ensure that coats and jackets are plain navy blue.

Our uniform policy is on our website- please click on the link to read.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/UNIFORM_LIST.pdf

Please check with the Main Office if you have any uniform questions.

BOOK WEEK

What a huge success this week has been! The children thoroughly enjoyed the week and I have attached some details of what the children got involved in!

The week was finished off yesterday by a magnificent parade of book characters. It was obvious that many hours of creativity went into the costumes and the children felt very proud showing off to the audience! Our prayers for a dry day were answered as the children walked around the playground. Many thanks to the Sisters from The Convent who helped choose the best costumes.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who turned up to support the children and who came along to buy books after school each day. Your support was very much appreciated.

Photos will be uploaded to the school Twitter account so look out for these.

A big thank you must go to Miss Collins who organised this fantastic week. It is hard work making sure every year group is catered for but it has been a great success. Well done.

The following children won prizes for their costumes:

NAM	Harry Clark
NPM	Amalie Edwards
NAD	Olive Beever
RA	Verity Masterson
RB	Fionn Doyle
1C	Teddy Gannon
1D	Jacob Harding
2E	Bobby Crush
2F	Jesica Senyange/Lissie Wohlman (joint winners)
3G	Maia Harding
3H	Ruby Collins
4I	Evan Loynton
4J	Rafe Graham O' Hara
5K	Rosa Barnes/Vittoria Arleo (joint winners)
5L	Annabel Corrigan
6M	Nola Sliwitzki
6N	Danny Steele

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Alice Huille, 6M, recently took part in the National School Biathlon at Bath University. She scored a strong 2105, getting a PB in swimming.

Alice met Joe Choong and Kate French, two of our gold medallists at the Olympics in Tokyo 2021.

Very well done Alice!



RBG POETRY COMPETITION

Use the half term holiday to get composing as the closing date is Friday 5th November. Please hand all entries to Miss Collins before then.

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!

SPARE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY

The Nursery are appealing for spare items of clothing (age 3-4, 4-5) to be donated.

If you have any items that you no longer want e.g. track suit bottoms, sweatshirts t-shirts, socks, underpants, please hand them either straight to the nursery or the main office.

Many thanks

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Children should have taken home details from Samaritan's Purse for this year's Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal). The leaflets have all the details about the charity and what can be included in the boxes. A few inexpensive items will put a smile on some child's face. Look to see if you have any unwanted, unused gifts at home that can be passed on. The half term holiday is an ideal time to put this together, involving your children and making them aware of those who are less fortunate.

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.

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.

PA NEWS

The Parent's Association are working very hard organising the Fireworks night on **Saturday 6th November**. This is a popular event as many families who attended St Mary's years ago still return each year. The evening is aimed at families so the children can feel safe and parents can catch up with friends. All the new families at St Mary's are encouraged to come along and enjoy this first PA event of this school year. There will be hot food, glowing items on sale for the children and a thrilling fireworks display.

Tickets are still available to purchase so please click on the link below to ensure you have your tickets. All tickets purchased will have a confirmation receipt so please ensure you show this receipt on the night. Tickets will not be available for sale on the evening.

<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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wreath Making	03/12/21
Christmas Fair	04/12/21
Children's Disco	10/12/21

PHOTOGRAPHER ON SITE

Please note that the photographer will be on site on Friday 5th November to take Individual/Family photographs. These should make great Christmas presents for Grandparents etc.

Proofs will be sent to parents as soon as they are received at school.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The nursing immunisation team will come to St Mary's on Tuesday 2nd November. Children from Reception – Y6 can avail of the vaccination.

Parents have been informed already and forms have been sent home. If you have not already done so, please send the form prior to 2nd November and the nurses will collect them from the main office.

ATTENDANCE

The teachers would like to bring parents attention to attendance. It is so important that children attend school every day but it is also understandable that children get sick and need to take time off to recover.

Well done to classes 4I and 5K for achieving the highest attendance this half term. Let's hope the half term break will give everyone the rest they need and come back energised for the lead up to Christmas. It has been a difficult time for everyone over the last few years and many illnesses are around us but please ensure your children get plenty of rest over the break. Plenty of fresh air is a tonic so make the most of the beautiful parks and walks around us. Parents need to build up their children's stamina and immune systems by spending lots of time outdoors running around. It is a huge benefit.

Thursday 2nd September – Thursday 21st October

Attendance

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
93%	95%	97%	94%	96%	96%	97%	96%	98%	96%	98%	96%	95%	96%

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Ralph, Emily
Class B	Freddie, Erin
Class C	Daniele, Ella
Class D	Jacob N, Victoria
Class E	Philip, Adrija
Class F	Jake, Lily
Class G	Oscar, Clare
Class H	Leonardo, Benas
Class I	Evan, Ruby
Class J	Gabrielius, Sofia
Class K	Teddy, Arianna
Class L	Thomas, Chloe
Class M	Jack, Nola
Class N	Frankie, Amalie

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES

Class A	Jack, Victoria
Class B	Karissa, Annie
Class C	Joshua , Pip
Class D	Connor L, Leah
Class E	Lukas, Anthon
Class F	Kaison, Isabel
Class G	Alexander, Zara
Class H	Evie, Alexia
Class I	Bertie, Harriet
Class J	Paddy, Amelie
Class K	Jessie George, Omalie
Class L	Joel, Ava
Class M	Matteo, Treasure
Class N	Jack C, Ciara

END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

Class A	Grace
Class B	Daniela
Class C	Florence M
Class D	Aiyanna
Class E	Jacob
Class F	Jessica
Class G	Grace
Class H	Holly
Class I	Darcey
Class J	Mia
Class K	Lyra
Class L	Betty
Class M	Isla
Class N	Freddie

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