

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 27/09/2021

Monday 27th – Friday 1st October

Class 4J – Week long intensive swimming lessons

Tuesday 28th – Harvest Mass

Fr John will come on site to celebrate Mass with the whole school for the Harvest festival.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am proud to announce that Grace Dean and Edward Conn have been elected as our Head Boy and Head Girl. They will be deputised by Summer White and Jacob Quarrinton.

Very well done to the other children who were shortlisted and who made wonderful speeches today:

Daisy, Eva, Kieran and Teddy.

After the four finalists read out their speeches to the juniors this morning, students and staff voted to elect who would represent them. They will lead our School Council and this process helps children understand the democratic values that underpin our country.

Thank you to Mr Sharp from St Thomas More who spoke to Year Six parents on Thursday about secondary transition. We are proud to celebrate the longstanding excellent links between the two schools and look forward to working together more in SELCAT for the benefit of our mutual families.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

HARVEST MASS

The annual Harvest Mass will take place on Tuesday 28th 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. Many thanks for all the items that have been donated so far.

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

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 31st October 2021. Supplementary Forms must also be completed when applying to Faith schools such as St Thomas More.

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

https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/docs/newsletters/Newsletter_2021_09_26.pdf

YEAR 4 INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Y4 children are continuing to take part in intensive swimming lessons in The Eltham Centre from Monday 27th September. Details have been sent to the Y4 parents.

Class J will participate from Monday 27th – Friday 1st October.

The children from Class J 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.

NATURE AREA

Mrs White, our nature coordinator, would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped tidy up the School Nature Area this week. The area had become a bit sad and overgrown in lockdown. We were overwhelmed by the support we got for this.

Many thanks to Fr John even stopped by to bless all the hard work done by the parents and to Mrs Kingdon who welcomed all the parents on site and outlined the task in hand!

The area is now ready for the children who are very happy using their new space!

Please take a look at the school Twitter page to see some pictures.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

The music tutors are back on site giving instrumental lessons. If your child is having lessons, please encourage them to practice. They will see improvement if they just practice a few minutes each day.

Instruments can be hired from the school. We are currently looking into the number of instruments we have on site so please be patient if your child does not bring an instrument home straight away. You may wish to see if you can purchase an instrument yourself. There may be some good quality, second hand instruments available online.

Please ask at the main office if you have any concerns.

BOOK WEEK MONDAY 18th OCTOBER – THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

More details will follow regarding this week celebrating books so look out for this information. It is a very busy week for the children with visiting authors, workshops and competitions!

On Thursday 21st 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 21st October (weather permitting).

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.

Y2 - THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

Freshwater Theatre Company visited Y2 children today. The children took part in a drama workshop on The Great Fire of London 1666, the topic they have been studying this half term.

They took part in acting out scenes from Thomas Farynor's bakery, Pudding Lane and Samuel Pepys' diary writing. Everyone involved had great fun and the children were able to share the knowledge they already knew about The Great Fire as well as learning new things through drama.



VACANCY

We are currently looking to fill a vacancy as a midday meal supervisor, to begin in November 2021. The job involves working in a team with other supervisors to promote the safety and welfare of the children on their lunch break.

The role is for 1.5 hours per day, Monday – Friday, term time only.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested please phone the main office for more information, including a full job description and pay scale.

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.

PA AGM	07/10/21
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, crepes, soft drinks, entertainment and a fireworks display. Get your friends and family together and enjoy the fireworks!

Tickets are only available to purchase in advance and will not be sold on the evening. Please click on the link below to see details about the tickets.

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

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/>