

**Weekly Newsletter**  
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**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

It has been a busy week in school.

On Wednesday, Y6 students took part in the Greenwich Borough Transition Book Club, which launched this week. Seventeen schools from across Greenwich are taking part. Students met author Adam Baron, author of the book 'A Wonderful Thing'.

While the government have signalled the end of restrictions, the school is still experiencing positive cases and is following guidance, stepping up and down measures accordingly. Thank you for all parental and student support in this manner as it is we know how frustrating it is to isolate when you receive a positive test.

I met with members of the Parents Association this week to review recent events and plan for the year ahead. They have many exciting activities on offer and all funds go to supporting the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

We know how excited Y6 are about their school journey next week and know that they will have an excellent time. We look forward to hearing all about it.

I would like to wish all our Chinese families a happy Chinese new year on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards  
Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

**WEEK BEGINNING 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

The Y6 children go on their residential journey to Kingswood

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Y5 Reconciliation in Christchurch

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Y2 Victorian Day

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Y6 children return from their residential trip

**Y2 VICTORIAN DAY**

Victorian Day is taking place for Y2 children on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. The children will experience a school day in the life of a Victorian child.

Visiting Victorian style teachers will visit St Mary's and teach the children for the day. They will be quite stern; different from the Y2 teachers of today!

Children are encouraged to dress in Victorian clothes. This outfit does not have to be purchased – have a look in your wardrobe and create a Victorian look from clothes that you already have.

We have a few outfits in the main office, which have been kindly donated, so if you wish to look at the items please come to the main office.

We are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution, on Wisepay, towards the cost of the day (£4.20). Although this payment is voluntary, days such as these would not be able to take place without the support of the parents.

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

## Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Kingswood next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at 10am so all Y6 children must be on site at 9.30am to make last minute checks. The children are welcome to arrive at 8.55am, especially if there are younger siblings in the family.

Please take your children to the gym hall with their luggage and medical bags. If your child is taking extra medication, please see Miss Collins on Monday morning. Information has been sent to parents so please refer to the letters and emails. Please ensure that you look through the kit list to make sure your child has adequate clothing. The weather forecast is looking good but please ensure you pack wisely.

Mrs Jefferys will email a daily update to parents so look out for them. Traditionally, parents have really appreciated the news.

The children will return to St Mary's on Friday 4th February. We will inform parents of timings but we estimate a 3pm arrival. Parents will be able to collect their children after they are dismissed from school.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs White and the school council had a productive meeting this week in which they talked through some suggestions from the **suggestion box**. All members were present in the meeting.

All classes have a **suggestion box** so encourage your children to contribute if they have ideas that they think the school council would be interested in.

## MATHLETICS

Please ensure your child is logging onto their Mathletics account regularly to complete the tasks set. Teachers are setting work to be completed but the children are not logging on.

Every child has been given login details. If these details have been mislaid, please contact the class teacher or main office.

## NATIVITY DVD

The DVD of the Infant Nativity is available to buy until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Payment can be made on Wisepay (£8) and the DVD can either be collected from the main office or we can send it home in your child's bookbag.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are very proud of our smart uniform at St Mary's. If anyone is unsure or has questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office or take a look at the uniform policy on our website:

[https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/UNIFORM\\_LIST.pdf](https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/UNIFORM_LIST.pdf)

Items must be labelled clearly with your child's name to make it easy for your child to identify their clothes.

## PA DATES

Please take a look at the online calendar to see the upcoming PA events.

Many thanks to those who attended the PA meeting yesterday. If you wish to know more about being involved please email the PA on:

[stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com)

## MAYA DAY

The Y4 children really enjoyed their Mayan visitors on Wednesday. They were full of enthusiasm and brought the subject to life for the children.

Thanks to Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Baker for organising the day and to all the parents who supported their children by sending them to school in such creative costumes.

## DINNER MONEY

Please make payment on Wisepay for this half term - £75.11.

Many thanks.

## E-SAFETY

E-Safety week is taking place in school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. It is important for children to be aware of the dangers as well as the benefits of using the internet.

### Supporting 6-10 year olds online:

**Agree boundaries:** Be clear what your child can and cannot do online.

**Explore together:** The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit.

**Put yourself in control:** Install parental controls on your broadband and any internet enabled devices.

**Use airplane mode:** Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them to stop any unapproved purchases.

**Stay involved:** Encourage your children to use their tech devices in a communal area in your home so adults can keep an eye on how they are using the internet