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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy week at school.

The Y6 children are preparing for their SATs, which begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. All Y6 parents should have received an email from the Y6 teachers with information about these forthcoming tests. The children are well prepared so please support the school by ensuring your children have plenty of sleep and feel relaxed.

Details of a parent survey has been emailed to all parents. To ensure we are providing the best standard of education for your children, we would like to know how you feel about St Mary's.

This will help us to find out what we are doing well and where we could do better. Please take the time complete this survey to help us make St Mary's the best it can be.

Please return your completed survey to us by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

<https://forms.gle/S7XMs8ug33xZDvGr9>

Many thanks for your support.

I was very proud to accompany Mrs McGarry and the Chamber Choir to The Oval Cricket Ground this week. In this prestigious venue, the children sang with confidence and maturity. Many thanks to all the people who worked together to make this event happen.

Have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards  
Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

### WEEK BEGINNING 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday.

The school will be closed for children and staff.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

SATs week begins

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Pyjamarama Day

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

PA Event – Dad's football match in Eltham Park South

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Y5 Educational Trip – Greenwich Planetarium

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Walking Bus

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Crowning of Our Lady

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Reception children will visit Christchurch

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Ascension Day

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Jubilee Day

Last day of the half term

## MUSIC NEWS

Mrs McGarry and Mr Sims escorted The Chamber Choir to The Oval Cricket Ground yesterday for their performance at the Challenge Partners Conference. This was a special invite as the Challenger Partners were previously so impressed with the high quality of singing in our Chamber Choir. The children really enjoyed the day. Many thanks to Mrs McGarry for leading the choir.

After the performance, the children had a guided tour of the cricket ground, which was very interesting.

Many thanks to the volunteer parents, who were able to help on the day.

Please take a look at Twitter on our website - <https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/> - to hear the beautiful singing.



## PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

The Faith friends are holding a preloved uniform sale on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm. This will take place in the Infant playground.

Please come along to have a look at the items on sale. There is some very good quality uniform in stock. Items will range from 50p - £2.

## Y2 HAVE BEEN BUSY....

### SIGNS OF SPRING

Y2 children have taken a walk around the nature and the grassy areas. The children looked closely for signs of nature using observation skills, collecting small pieces of leaves, petals and bark. They were not allowed to pick anything that was growing. To ensure safety, the children made sure that they did not put their fingers near their faces. They washed their hands when they got back to the classroom. Here are some of the things that were found:



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Lily Stone has recently achieved Bronze level in her swimming lessons.

Well done to Lily!



Orla Hilliard and Lissie Wohlman (2F) both enjoyed participating in St George's Day celebrations with their Beaver Group.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Mrs White and the School Council organised some **board game activities** for children today, at lunchtime, and many really enjoyed taking part.



## WALKING BUS

The next *walking bus to school* has been arranged for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Please set the date on your calendar to join Mrs Turpin and the other parents and children to walk to school.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ESAFETY

When children receive their first phone, they like to set themselves up on group chats with their friends. Being in a group chat is one of the most popular ways of engaging with their peers online. It is always wise for parents to oversee the conversations that take place to ensure the children are using appropriate language and are well behaved. This is particularly the case when children receive their first mobile phone.

More information for parents is available on the website – National Online Safety. Please take a look.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/group-chats>

## SCHOOL DINNERS

The summer menu has been uploaded to the website. Please take a look.

[https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/Menu\\_Summer\\_2022.pdf](https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/Menu_Summer_2022.pdf)

The cost of school dinners for this half term is £72.52. Please make payment through Wisepay.

## BOOK CLUB

The *Y6 Transition Book Club* had a great meeting this week to discuss our text *Boy Everywhere*. We were lucky enough to meet the author, A M Dassu. She was a wonderful, inspiring speaker and we all learned something from her talk. She reminded us that nobody can write perfectly first time. She even wrote the first page of her book fifty times! It took eight edits and five years before it was published! She let us in on the secret that there would be sequel! It was really lovely to reflect on the book and its message that when we all come together, we are stronger.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th June** to discuss our final book *The Ship of Doom!*



## PA NEWS

Please encourage your child to send a piece to the PA for the School Magazine. Members of the PA are currently compiling articles and they would like children to submit some poems, pictures, interesting photos, sporting or other talent achievements, a description of an interesting holiday or a piece of writing about something they are grateful for. This could be about a person, pet or thing that has helped them; somebody or something that your child is very thankful for.

All photos should be in JPEG format.

Entries should be sent to [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com) by **Sunday 1st May**.

Details about ordering the Queen's Jubilee tea towel have been sent home with your child. The children created their vision of Queen Elizabeth, which parents can purchase online. The deadline for ordering is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

Forthcoming dates:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Dad's football match in Eltham Park South

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day gift sale

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Annual Summer Fayre

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leaver's Party