

## Weekly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

May is a very special month in our calendar — it is the Month of Mary. During this time, we take a moment to think about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and everything she teaches us through her love, strength, and faith.

At school, we will be marking this month with prayers and reflections. The prayer tables in the classrooms have changed to blue and we look forward to seeing photographs of the May altars you have created at home.

Mary reminds us of the importance of being kind, thoughtful, and brave in small ways — whether it's helping a friend, speaking kindly, or taking time to pray. She shows us what it means to trust in God and care for others — part of our Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

Let us use this month to be inspired by Mary's example — to be peacemakers, to help where we can, and to treat everyone with dignity and love.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School



*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 5<sup>th</sup> MAY

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion at Christchurch.  
We wish all the children a very special day.

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

School Closed for May Bank Holiday

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Faith Friends will lead Rosary in Gym Hall. 8.30am. All welcome

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Peddle My Wheels 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Bike Market  
VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

Y4 Educational Visit to Lullingstone Country Park.

### FAITH FRIENDS

We are so pleased to confirm that we have raised over £1300 for Cafod, which is amazing. Many thanks for all your support.

At the Faith Friends meeting today, the children looked at the gifts that are available on the Cafod World Gift site and to decide which gifts to purchase.

We will keep parents and carers informed.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor.*

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

## MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

To celebrate this special month of Mary, our Faith Friends would like to invite all families to join them saying the Rosary every Wednesday during May, at 8.30am in the gym hall. The first Rosary will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. To pray as a community, led by wonderful children, is a privilege.

Maybe make a May altar at home with your children. A few flowers around a picture or statue of Mary would be a lovely way to honour Our Lady. Take pictures of your home altar and email them to us and we will upload them to the school Twitter account and share them with our families.

The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St Mary's, so please save the date.

Congratulations to all the children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday in Christchurch. This special sacrament is part of their spiritual growing up, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship.*

## ADHD COFFEE MORNING

Please put Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in your diary for an ADHD coffee morning run by our Educational Psychologist, Sam Worth.

Parents will receive information and talk about the following:

- Symptoms of ADHD and how it can present differently. How it can impact the life and education of children.
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- Ideas and strategies to support your child.

If you have any specific questions for our Educational Psychologist regarding ADHD, please email them to the main office and we will endeavour to answer them at the meeting.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Subsidiarity.*

## LITERACY

*This week Ms Gannon recommends a poem....*

### **A Cat Came Fiddling Anon**

A cat came fiddling out of a barn  
With a pair of bagpipes under her arm

She could sing nothing but fiddle  
dee dee

The mouse has married the  
bumblebee

Pipe, cat, dance, mouse  
We'll have a wedding at our good house

## PRE LOVED BICYCLES

Please see below details of a preloved bicycle sale that will take at St Mary's on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

We have started collecting bikes so if you would like to take them to school before Thursday, please bring them to the collection point outside the office.

The experts from Peddle My Wheels will collect the bikes on Thursday morning and in the afternoon, they will have a selection of preloved bikes for sale. Please take a look to see what is available.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship.*

**PEDDLE MY WHEELS**

**SECOND-HAND BIKE MARKET**

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY**  
**THURSDAY 8TH MAY**

Our second hand bike markets are an excellent way to create affordable bike stock for your community and to help everyone to experience the joys of cycling.

Donate your outgrown, unwanted bikes in the morning - Peddle My Wheels will spend the day getting them ready. Proceeds from the sale of donated bikes will go back to your school.

After school you can buy a serviced, affordable, used bike (you can pay by cash or card).

The bike markets are run by Peddle My Wheels. For more information visit [peddlemywheels.com](http://peddlemywheels.com) @peddlemywheels

Partnering with **ROYAL SOCIETY OF GREENWICH**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Maggie Jones, 1C, has completed swimming stage 2 and is very excited about moving onto the next stage.

Great news and well done Maggie!



*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Participation.*

## WRAPAROUND SUNSHINE OF THE MONTH

Brendan Behan, 3H, was awarded the Wraparound Sunshine of the Month award for being kind, calm, friendly and helpful.



*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity and The Common Good.*

## SUMMER FAYRE

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy.

The PA have already started collecting bottles and teddy bears for the tombola. If you wish to donate a bottle, please take it to the main office where it will be looked after until the day of the fayre. Bottles must be full and unused. They can have anything in them e.g., squash, wash up liquid, bubble bath, alcohol etc.

We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to start propagating plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact the PA as they will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

Many thanks for all your support.

Email [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.org](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.org) for more information.

Date for the diary: Father's Day gift sale on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## Y2 VISIT WOODLANDS FARM

Children from Y2 had a wonderful time today at Woodlands Farm. Many thanks to the Y2 team and all the parents for their help.



## KEY DATES

An updated key dates has been emailed to parents so make sure you are aware of what is taking place for the remainder of this term.

If any more dates are added to the calendar, we will inform parents.

Dates have also been uploaded to our website

## LEGO WANTED

If you are having a Spring clean and have some spare Lego that is no longer required in your family, please consider donating it to the school. We would like to add to what we already have.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Distributive Justice.*



*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Distributive Stewardship.*