

Weekly Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Another busy week at school!

Please look at the Twitter feed on our website to see all the activities that have taken place.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/>

Y6 have been very active at Kingswood, taking part in a range of outdoor adventures. I visited them during the week and it was wonderful to see them show such courage, confidence, teamwork and resilience when tackling new challenges. Our thanks go to all the adults that accompanied them on this residential trip and looked after them so well.

Y2 had a Victorian style teacher come on site to show the children what it was like at school in Victorian times! A very different experience from school life today. I hope that parents managed to get some pictures at the end of the day. Many thanks to Mrs Hansen and Mrs Bone for organising the day.

I would like to thank parents for supporting days such as these. I am aware that, as a school, we ask for voluntary payments to help towards the costs of special days but these extra days could not happen if we did not receive these payments from parents. They enhance the learning for the children and make the topics come to life. Payments can be made on Wisepay so if you have difficulty logging in please contact the office staff for help.

Have a peaceful and happy weekend.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 7th FEBRUARY

**Monday 7th – Friday 11th
February**

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February

Y4 Reconciliation in Christchurch
Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February

Last day of this half term.
Children can wear their own
clothes on this day.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD

The weather was very kind to the group this year! The children were able to partake in all the outside activities and have as much fun as possible.

We hope your children returned with lots of happy memories and that you did not miss them too much!

Many thanks to all the adults who looked after them so well (Miss Collins, Mrs Williams, Miss Dineen, Mrs Amis, Mrs Everett, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Prescott and Red).

We hope you enjoyed receiving the daily update and looking at all the pictures on Twitter.

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

Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

The Y2 children enjoyed their Victorian Day today, although there were some sceptical faces when their visitor arrived! It gave them a taste of school life in Victorian times and they are looking forward to telling you all about it after school.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Caitlyn Dang, 3H, came to talk to the Nursery children about The Lunar New Year and how her family celebrated. The children asked Caitlyn lots of questions which she answered confidently.

Well done Caitlyn!



2022 is the Year of the Tiger.

The Nursery children came to school today dressed in the colours of a tiger, to celebrate.

PA DATES

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

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Calendar/>

If you wish to find out more about being involved please email the PA on:

stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com

NATIVITY DVD

The DVD of the Infant Nativity is available to buy until **Friday 11th 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.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, launched by children's mental health charity Place2Be. This year's theme is ***Growing Together***.

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.

However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2022, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

To find out more, please visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

FREE HOLIDAY MEALS DURING HALF TERM

Royal Borough Greenwich would like parents to be aware that free lunches will be available for all children across the borough during half-term (February 14th – 18th). Healthy lunches can be collected at libraries and adventure play centres, with no sign up required. Serving times and days vary.

For more information including, serving times and a list of locations, please signpost to

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals>

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is organised to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The theme this year is "*All fun and games – exploring respect and relationships online*"

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon everyone to join together in helping to create a better internet. This year all the children at St Mary's will be getting involved and learning how to stay safe online, from Nursery to Y6.

Technology is evolving and with children spending more and more time communicating and using online environments, parents need to be very aware of what children are doing.