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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We continue to remember the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

This week the representatives of the school council approached me and said that they felt passionately about the conflict in Ukraine. They said that they wanted to have a non-uniform day at school to raise awareness and collect money towards helping the citizens of Ukraine who have been displaced.

This is an excellent example of students having a real impact in the running of the school. I was so proud to see all the school dressed in their outfits to show solidarity with the Ukrainian families here and all over the world.

Thank you for all the generous donations received to support this campaign.

I wish all families a restful and peaceful weekend.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 7th MARCH

Tuesday 8th March

Y5 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 11th March

Y6 Kingswood Assembly – 2.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THIS TERM

Tuesday 15th/Wednesday 16th March

Parent's Evening

Friday 18th March

Y3 visit Eltham Palace

PA Event - St Patrick's Day

Friday 25th March

PA Event – Mother's Day Gift Sale

Thursday 31st March/Friday 1st April

Easter Services at school

Friday 1st April

Last day of the term

LENTEN PRAYER FROM FR JOHN

*Dearest Lord,
I hope to be
more observant of your grace.
May you look upon my soul
and may my sins erase.*

*May I know of sacrifice
and cherish all you bless
and act with courage to assist
others who have less.*

*Prepare my soul for joy to come,
and cleanse me of all sin.
I will wear my faith and do my best
to nurture it within.*

*With a humble heart,
I hope to be
your faithful servant
for all to see.*

E-SAFETY

Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets – all of which form a part of children and young people's online world.

The internet and online technology provides new opportunities for young people's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

Parents/carers and schools must work together to highlight the positives to children of being online but also make them aware of the risks.

At St Mary's we expose the children to positive online behaviour in many areas of the curriculum and how to use the internet responsibly.

Y5 GREEK DAY

The children in Y5 are looking forward to learning more about ancient Greece when a visiting theatre company comes on site on Tuesday 8th March to run workshops and to make their topic come to life.

The children are encouraged to come to school dressed like an ancient Greek person. This does not have to be fancy - a large white t-shirt with some embellishments will be perfect. Have a look at some pictures online to give you some ideas.

We are asking for payment of £8.30 to go towards the cost of the theatre company. This can be made through Wisepay. If payment is difficult, please contact the school office.

LENT

Fr John was on site to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with the Juniors. Mrs Hansen, assistant head, had a special Ash Wednesday assembly for the younger children. The children will have shown you their Catholic Children's Society collection box and Lenten calendar. We are encouraging the children to try the daily tasks on the calendar.

WALK TO SCHOOL WITH THE WALKING BUS

On Wednesday 23rd March, parents and children are invited to leave the car at home and join the walking bus to come to school. We are encouraging families to take part and to enjoy some exercise, company and fresh air on their way to school.

Please see the attached letter with details of the bus stops and times. Fill the form in and return it to the main office so we are aware of numbers.

Many thanks to Mrs Turpin for organising.

PARENTS EVENING

The parent's evening slots are currently been uploaded onto Wisepay. Parents will be able to book their times from **Monday 7th March**. Please look out for more information.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Parents should have received notification about the secondary school for their Y6 child. If anyone is unhappy, please contact the main office next week and we will explain what options there are available.

PA NEWS

Please look at the online calendar to see the upcoming PA events.
<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Calendar/>

The PA have had to cancel the Quiz Night scheduled for this evening. If you have purchased tickets, please contact the PA for a refund. Another date will be arranged before the end of the school year.

LENTEN WALK

Please have a look at the sponsored walk, which the PA have organised for for Lent. Click on the link below to get information about joining and how to log your daily steps - search **London to Lourdes Lenten walk-St Marys Parents Association**. The walk started on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and will finish on Maundy Thursday (14th April).

<https://worldwalking.org/fundraising/btity>

A date for the diary....

On **Friday 18th March** the PA are organising an Irish themed evening to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Everyone welcome.

Tickets (adult £5, child £2.50) can be purchased from:

<https://buytickets.at/stmaryspa/65204>

KINGSWOOD ASSEMBLY

Y6 parents are invited to an assembly on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm to hear all about the children's residential trip to Kingswood. Miss Collins and Mrs Williams will show videos and photographs of all the activities the children participated in.