

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://cdn.jwplayer.com/previews/gmH1AaIV>

Enjoy this special Coronation holiday weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 8th May

Saturday 5th May

King's Coronation

Sunday 6th May

First Holy Communion in Christchurch

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
VE Day

Tuesday 9th May

Y6 SATs begin

Wednesday 10th May

Y2 children walking to the pond at Eltham
Park North

Friday 11th

Y6 picnic in Eltham Park South to
celebrate the end of SATs week.

Y6 SATS

Y6 children will begin their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) on Tuesday 9th May.

The children are well prepared so please support the school by ensuring your children have plenty of sleep and have a healthy breakfast in the morning. We know the children will do their best.

School will start at 8.30am for the Y6 children, so please make sure they are on time. This earlier time is to help them feel relaxed before beginning. We will also provide them with a small breakfast treat.

Booster classes will take place on Tuesday 9th May and Wednesday 10th May. These will be the last booster sessions.

Once the children have finished their tests on Friday, they will be taken to Eltham Park South for a picnic and games afternoon (weather permitting). Please send a packed lunch to school with your child. If you would like the kitchen to make a packed lunch for your child, please inform the main office.

Y3 FOLK DANCING

The Y3 children are looking forward to their performance this afternoon in Mycenae House. The international folk dancing project that they are taking part in has been organised by a company called Two Left Feet. The children will perform a dance routine with a group of over 60s.

Many thanks to Miss Dennis, our PE co-ordinator, for organising this activity for the children and to the Y3 teachers who will accompany the children to the event.

Thank you to all parents for your continuing support.

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

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends lead a beautiful prayer session this morning, their first Friday saying The Rosary, celebrating the month of May. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along.

The children will be in the gym hall again next Friday at 8.30am to say The Rosary.

At lunch time today, the Faith Friends were busy saying the Rosary with the Infant children.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. I hope the sun shines for the special family celebrations.

VE DAY – MONDAY 8TH MAY

Please take a moment to remember Victory in Europe Day, celebrated each year on May 8th. It was the day near the end of **WW 2** when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe stopped.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Mrs Thaxter would like to thank all the children for composing such imaginative stories for the **RBG 500 Word Short Story Competition**.

She has submitted all the entries and is now awaiting the results. Please look out for more information on the newsletter. The standard of story writing was so high that she does not envy the judges making that all-important decision!

All stories will be displayed in the library for all the children in school to read.

CHAMBER CHOIR

Well done to the Chamber Choir for such an uplifting performance at Blackheath Halls yesterday evening. The children were just wonderful.

A very kind grandparent of a child in one of the other choirs that participated took time out of his day to email St Mary's this morning to thank Mrs McGarry for such a fine performance. He said

"I really enjoyed the whole schools and their respective performances but, for me, the outstanding one was by the choir from your school. There was great harmony, variety, obviously good singing, behaviour, response etc. Mrs McGarry had the choir so well prepared, ultimately responsive, giving everything to their performance - outstanding"

To receive such an email makes us very proud to be a part of St Mary's.

Many thanks to Mrs McGarry for rehearsing the choir so thoroughly, to the children for working so hard, and to all the parents and grandparents for supporting the children at the event.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Teddy Gannon, 2F, was invited to watch an Arsenal game in the Sensory Room at The Emirates Stadium. It was a wonderful experience for him.



PA NEWS

Please refer to the email this week, sent on behalf of the PA, which outlined details for the events that they have planned from now until the end of the term.

Please ensure the following dates are in your diary:

Friday 16th June
Father's Day gift sale

Saturday 24th June
Summer Fair

Saturday 15th July
Y6 Leaver's Party for the Y6 children and their parents.

Volunteers are needed for all three events so please ensure you contact the PA with your offers of help.

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