

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 5th November 2021

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#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

PA Event. Fireworks night at St Mary's

#### WEEK BEGINNING 08/11/2021

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Y3 Class H celebrate their class Mass in the Convent at 10am

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Whole school participate in the Remembrance Service to commemorate Armistice Day

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Y3 – Stone Age Day

Y2 – Interactive art lesson on The Great Fire of London

Nurses on site for height and weight for Reception and Y6.

#### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

After a restful half term holiday, it was lovely returning to school seeing the children smartly dressed in their Winter uniform. Many thanks for all the parents support in ensuring that the children are in the correct uniform.

We, as a school community, are very proud of our school uniform, which could not be sustained without the support of our parents.

Please note that jewellery of any kind is not allowed; this includes earrings.

As we are now in a colder season, please ensure your child has their winter PE kit in school. Due to some electrical work currently taking place in school, the gym hall will be out of action so PE classes will be taking place outdoors. Warm PE clothes will be necessary.

Should you have any questions, please visit our uniform policy on our website:

[https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/UNIFORM\\_LIST.pdf](https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/UNIFORM_LIST.pdf)

Funding for the Sport's Pitch is gathering pace. Many thanks to everyone who has already made a donation and for contributing to the collection on Thursday when Mr McGrath supervised children demonstrating ball skills in the parents' waiting area. Photos have been uploaded to the school Twitter account; please take a look.

I am delighted to say that £19,490.00 has already been donated through the Virgin Money Giving site.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=Stmaryssportspitch>

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

#### UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

##### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Advent begins

##### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>/Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Fr John on site blessing crib figures

##### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

PA Event – Wreath Making

##### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

PA Event – Christmas Fair

##### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

December

Infant Nativity

##### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

PA Event – Children's Disco

##### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Junior Carol Concert at Christchurch

## PA EVENT - FIREWORKS EVENING

This is a very entertaining evening for all the family. As in previous years, the fireworks will be amazing and families enjoy the time together in a safe environment. The weather is promised dry but chilly so please wrap up warm.

The gates will open at 6pm, with the firework display starting at 7pm. Tickets for the event are sold out. Please have your printed or e-ticket ready to show at the gate when you arrive. If you do not have a ticket, you will not be able to attend. Tickets will not be available for purchase on the evening.

Sparklers will not be permitted on the school grounds.

There will be bbq hot food available to buy with a selection of hot and cold deserts, tea/coffee/hot chocolate, sweets and light up toys.

Enjoy the evening and be mindful of the residents of Glenure Road when entering and leaving our premises.

### Other dates for the diary:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Bags2school Collection

Items, in good condition, that you can donate include:

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, household linen, towels and curtains.

Members of the PA will be at the parent's entrance collecting bags from 8.40am.

Wreath Making	<b>03/12/21</b>
Christmas Fair	<b>04/12/21</b>
Children's Disco	<b>10/12/21</b>

## Y3 STONE AGE DAY

The Y3 children have been learning about life in Stone Age times so on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November they can dress up as a Stone Age person.

The children will take part in a workshop and a visitor will come on site to engage them in facts about the Stone Age period.

There is a small cost for parents for the workshop (£5.50). Payment can be made through Wisepay. Should payment be a problem, please contact the main office.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emelia Marnham, 2F, has recently been invested into the 8<sup>th</sup> Royal Eltham Beavers.

Very well done to Emelia!



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer was on site today taking individual/family photographs.

The children will bring home the proofs as soon as we receive them from the photographer. You can then choose what to order. Online orders will also be available for parents. We will aim to have all the photos returned to parents before Christmas.

## SEND INFORMATION FROM MRS LOPEZ

Mrs Lopez will be sending documents to parents of children on our SEN register. Please look out for them.

The documents must be completed and returned by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks

## SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Children should have taken home details from Samaritan's Purse for this year's Operation Christmas Child (Shoebbox Appeal). The leaflets have all the details about the charity and what can be included in the boxes. A few inexpensive items will put a smile on some child's face. Look to see if you have any unwanted, unused gifts at home that can be passed on.

The boxes are due to be collected the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November so please bring you wrapped box to the main office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Select a child's age category (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14), get an empty medium sized shoebox wrapping the lid and box separately in colourful Christmas wrapping paper and fill the shoebox with small gifts e.g. small dolls, skipping ropes, school supplies and hygiene items. The label indicating whether the gifts are for a boy or girl should be attached.

Please take a look at the following video with your children to see the joy these gifts bring to the children who receive them. Christmas is a time of giving so please give as generously as you can.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irnES7Xo15Q>

## Y2 ART WORKSHOP

Children in Y2 will be taking part in an art workshop on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This workshop is linked to their topic, Great Fire of London.

There is a charge of £1.50 per child for the interactive workshop. The Y2 teachers have organised a visiting art company to come on site for the children.

Payment for the workshop can be made through Wisepay. Please contact the main office should there be a problem with making this payment.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we approach Remembrance Day (Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>), please look out for Mrs Kingdon and the Faith Friends selling poppies for The Royal British Legion.

The children and staff will hold a minute's silence followed by a Remembrance Day service at 11am.

### ***We Shall Keep the Faith***

*by Moira Michael, November 1918*

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.  
We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.  
And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honour of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.*