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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who were able to support today's Sports Day – it was a great success. Parents will remember that last year, we were unable to hold the event with spectators due to the restrictions at the time, so it was fantastic that we could resume normal festivities. I am proud that our sports day has a good mix of children being engaged in a team for the whole event mixed with some traditional competitiveness. I am sure that families will welcome an early night tonight with tired children.

I would like to say thank you to Miss Dennis who organised the whole day and the members of the PA who assisted in scoring. Furthermore, the children did so well and participated in the right spirit.

On Thursday, the Chamber Choir performed in the hall to their parents after playing in significant venues such as The Oval Cricket Ground and the Woolwich Town Hall. The quality of the arrangement and the singing was incredible. Thank you Mrs McGarry.

Part of the vision of St Mary's is to have high expectations delivered in a compassionate way. These two events really epitomise the spirit of our school and I want to thank you for everybody who contributed.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards  
Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

### WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>th</sup> JULY

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

St Thomas More Comprehensive  
Induction Day for Y6 pupils

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Jamie's Gymnastics Display in Gym Hall  
for parents – 4pm

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Production (1.30pm & 6pm on each  
day)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year Reports will be given out  
Career Day for Y6  
Reception Learning Showcase Assembly  
2.30pm  
Creative Stars Drama Performance in  
the Gym Hall – 4pm

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Leaver's Party

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 children visit The Alms-houses

Guitar assembly at 3.30pm. Children  
who have guitar lessons will be able to  
show their parents what they have  
learned this year.

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Leaver's Mass – 2pm at Christchurch  
Parents and other family members are  
invited to attend.

Walkabout for parents and children to  
meet their new teacher and see their  
new classroom – 3.15pm

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Last day of term – 2pm finish.

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Inset Day

## SPORTS DAY

We had a thoroughly enjoyable Infant and Junior Sports Day at Eltham Park South today. The sun shone brightly on us!

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer the children on, to the students from St Thomas More Comprehensive School who came to the park to help, to the parent volunteers for helping transport equipment to the park and for helping with the scoring and, finally, a huge thank you to Miss Dennis for co-ordinating this annual event.

## Y6 PRODUCTION *THE HEART OF ST MARY'S*

The Y5/Y6 children are busy practising for the performances next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> /Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please make sure you have requested your tickets as any spare tickets will be allocated to Y6 children (afternoon performances only). You can email Mrs Jeffrey and she will accommodate as best she can. Y5 are entitled to 2 tickets each.

Please ensure you bring your tickets with you when you come to see the show. No child under secondary school age will be allowed to watch the performance. Seats are in high demand and all the children will see the dress rehearsal on Tuesday. Unfortunately, there will be no child minding arrangements for younger siblings so please do not ask on the night. If you have any special requests for seating, i.e. wheelchair access, please mention it at the main office.

A recording will be made of the show so parents will be able to purchase a copy. We will inform you when this is available so look out for information.

Many thanks to the volunteers for helping to paint the backdrop for the stage. It looks fantastic! Mrs Fannon, Matt Woodhouse, Rhiannon Thornton and Reece Burman all gave up their time to create this masterpiece!



## ARRANGEMENTS FOR Y5/Y6 FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCES

The matinee performances will not impact the normal school day arrangements so children should be collected in the normal way.

For the evening performances, we ask that the children be dropped back to school at **5.40pm**, giving them time to get into their outfits. Parents who are not watching the show should return to collect their children at **7.30pm** at the main entrance in the Infant playground.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### This week.....

Jessica Little and Luna Costa Sabin from (1C) and Maya Costa Sabin, (RB) recently took part in a ballet show called *Flying High* at the Mick Jagger Theatre in Dartford. Both shows were sold out so well done to the girls!



## Y6 INDUCTION DAY AT ST THOMAS MORE COMPREHENSIVE

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Many of the Y6 children will be spending a day in St Thomas More Comprehensive School on Monday 11th July.

All the other children in Y6 will be required to come to school as normal that day.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please look in the lost property box to see if you can find any uniform your child may have mislaid. Any unclaimed uniform will be put in the next preloved sale.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish for the term next week apart from Chamber Choir, which has finished for this year.

Clubs will resume in the new academic year. Information regarding the clubs will be emailed to parents as soon as the dates have been finalised.

The children attending the **gymnastics** club will show their display to their parents on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall)**.

The children attending the Friday drama club, **Creative Stars**, will have a performance for their parents on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall)**

## GARDENERS REQUIRED

Can you, or do you know someone who can assist, with some light gardening duties at St Mary's each week?

If you are interested in more information, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Rose Pampling.

[rpampling@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:rpampling@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PA

The **Annual School Magazine** will go on sale next week. Please look out for PA members selling it at school.

### Y6 LEAVER'S PARTY – SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 4PM – 8PM

This annual celebratory event for the Y6 children and their parents is taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The PA are asking for parent helpers to set up beforehand and for helping during the event.

Please email [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com) with your details if you can spare some time.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs White and the members of the School Council had a meeting with our local councillors this week, Councillor Lauren Dingsdale and Councillor Sammy Backon. The children spoke to the councillors about making positive changes in the local area. Councillor Dingsdale and Councillor Backon were very impressed with the children and their ideas, many of which they will explore.

The Councillors asked us to share this important information with parents:

### **DOMESTIC ENERGY RETROFITTING:**

*If you live in Greenwich and meet the following criteria, we might be able to install domestic energy retrofit technologies (at no cost to you) to help reduce your fuel bills:*

- Household income of £30,000 or less
- Household in private sector accommodation (rented or owner occupier)
- Supplied by mains gas
- Property has an EPC rating of D,E,F or G

*Please contact Councillor Lauren Dingsdale (representing Eltham Town and Avery Hill, RBG, Town Hall, Wellington St., SE18 6PW) if you think you might qualify.*

### **LOCAL FOODBANK:**

*The local foodbank, which operates from the Avery Hill Christian Fellowship (Southspring Road) is open on Tuesdays from 10-12 and on Thursdays from 12-3 for any families who need support.*

*They are also open 10.30-12 on Thursdays for donations. Due to the cost of living crisis, demand has gone up and supply has gone down, so please do make a donation if you are able.*

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