

Weekly Newsletter
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WEEK BEGINNING 11/10/2021

Monday 11th – Friday 15th October

Both Y3 classes will partake in intensive swimming lessons in The Eltham Centre.

Tuesday 12th October

Class 5K will celebrate their class Mass in The Convent.

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th October

Class 1C Parents' Evening with Mrs Harkin & Mrs Holmes 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 14th October

Open morning for prospective parents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A favourite poem of mine about friendship to celebrate National Poetry Day. Enjoy your friends this weekend.

Us Two

*Wherever I am, there's always Pooh,
There's always Pooh and Me.
Whatever I do, he wants to do,
"Where are you going today?" says Pooh:
"Well, that's very odd 'cos I was too.
Let's go together," says Pooh, says he.
"Let's go together," says Pooh.*

*"What's twice eleven?" I said to Pooh.
("Twice what?" said Pooh to Me.)
"I think it ought to be twenty-two."
"Just what I think myself," said Pooh.
"It wasn't an easy sum to do,
But that's what it is," said Pooh, said he.
"That's what it is," said Pooh.*

*"Let's look for dragons," I said to Pooh.
"Yes, let's," said Pooh to Me.
We crossed the river and found a few-
"Yes, those are dragons all right," said Pooh.
"As soon as I saw their beaks I knew.
That's what they are," said Pooh, said he.
"That's what they are," said Pooh.*

*"Let's frighten the dragons," I said to Pooh.
"That's right," said Pooh to Me.
"I'm not afraid," I said to Pooh,
And I held his paw and I shouted "Shoo!
Silly old dragons!"- and off they flew.*

*"I wasn't afraid," said Pooh, said he,
"I'm never afraid with you."*

*So wherever I am, there's always Pooh,
There's always Pooh and Me.
"What would I do?" I said to Pooh,
"If it wasn't for you," and Pooh said: "True,
It isn't much fun for One, but Two,
Can stick together, says Pooh, says he. "That's how it is," says Pooh.*

Kind regards
Mr Sims
Headteacher

YEAR 3 INSTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Y3 children will be taking part in intensive swimming lessons in The Eltham Centre from Monday 11th September. Details have been emailed to the Y3 parents.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their full swimming kit. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office.

The children from **Class H** will require a packed lunch for the week. If your child requires a school packed lunch please let the main office know.

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

PARENTS EVENINGS WEDNESDAY 13TH/THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Parents should book their timeslot on Wisepay. Please ensure your child's Wisepay account is active to book your appropriate time. Parents will be able to book timeslots until Tuesday 12th October at 8am. The booking system will be unavailable after this time.

Due to circumstances beyond their control, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Harkin will hold their parents meetings on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October.

The appointments will run from 3.30pm – 6pm. Each appointment is 10 minutes long. When booking timeslots for more than one child, please allow time in between appointments to go from one meeting to the next. All meetings are taking place on site so parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher face to face. Infant teachers will have their meetings in the Dining Hall and Junior teachers will see their parents in the Gym Hall. Children in Y5 and Y6 should attend with their parents. Mrs Green, RB, will meet with her parents in her classroom, Class B, so if your child is in class B please wait outside the classroom in the main school.

Children will finish at 3pm on both Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October. Please ensure you are on time to collect your children. Children who normally walk home from school on their own will not be allowed to leave the school premises without an adult, before 3.15pm. Notify the school if someone else is collecting your child.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Mr Sims took some of our Y6 children to Colfe's School this week to compete in a Tag Rugby competition. St Mary's was one of five schools taking part. The children played very well and came second in the competition! Mr Sims was very proud of the children for displaying good behaviour and true sportsmanship.

Very well done to Alice Huille, Ciara Rooney, Betsy Hallett, Summer White, Edward Conn, Wisdom Madu, Daniel Moss, Oliver Fannon, George Loynton, and Ronnie Penfold.

Many thanks to Mrs Rooney and Mrs Moss for assisting with transport.

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We are currently awaiting information/leaflets from Samaritan's Purse for this year's Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal). We will send the leaflets home with the children when they arrive at school. The half term holiday is an ideal time to put this together with your children.

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. Let us try to put a smile on children's faces by sending lots of shoeboxes.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jago Jennings, RA, has recently completed Level 1 in swimming. Very well done to Jago, an important start in learning to swim. Well done Jago!



FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends have had a busy week!

Firstly, they led the Junior assembly in prayers for Harvest.



They then helped to deliver all the Harvest food donations to the Sisters in The Convent.



From Monday 11th November, they will say The Rosary with the younger children, as October is the month of The Rosary.



BOOK WEEK MONDAY 18th – THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

We are looking forward to Book Week, which starts on Monday 18th October. The children will be immersed in books for the week and can enjoy some visiting poets and authors to entertain them.

On Thursday 21st October, the children will be able to come to school dressed as a book character. Have a chat with your child about what character they would like to be for the day. We do not want parents to go to great expense so have a look at the raw materials you have at home and be creative! The staff will join the children in dressing up so look out for the whacky costumes!

Parents will be able to see all the children in their outfits at a parade on the morning of Thursday 21st October (weather permitting).

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

On Monday 18th October, the Travelling Book Fair will be on site for children to purchase books. The books will be on display in the gym hall (Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st) and parents are welcome to come and look at all the books available. The bookshop will be open every lunchtime and from 3.15pm on each of these days.

There will be a variety of books for sale so if you have a few presents to purchase it may be a good opportunity to buy them here! Come with your child and have a browse; encourage your child to choose a book and make it a special treat to read it to them and enjoy the story together.

RBG POETRY COMPETITION

In celebration of *National Poetry Day* on October 7th 2021, Greenwich are inviting all students from Greenwich borough schools to enter their poetry competition.

The theme for National Poetry Day is **CHOICE**.

Children can write any type of poem that they like inspired by the theme of **choice**. The maximum number of lines, per poem, is 20. There will be a winner and a runner up for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

In school, there will be a winner and runner up in each class!

Children can hand their entries to Miss Collins (with their full name and class) by Friday 5th November.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

All children celebrated National Poetry Day yesterday by writing their own poems inspired by Shel Silverstein, the poet of the month. The children followed the structure of his poem, *Every Thing On It*, and had fun creating their silly version! Please see the attachment with this newsletter to see some brilliant examples from the classes.

PA NEWS

St Mary's Parent's Association are very excited to be able to plan some events this year. Please put the following dates in your diary.

Bags2School Collection	08/11/21
Fireworks Evening	06/11/21
Wreath Making	03/12/21
Christmas Fair	04/12/21
Children's Disco	10/12/21

The next big event on the calendar is **Fireworks Night!** This is a fun evening for the whole family with a bbq, soft drinks, entertainment and a fireworks display. Get your friends and family together and enjoy the fireworks!

Tickets are still available to purchase so please click on the link below to ensure you have your tickets.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspafireworks>

Helpers will be required on the day of this big event to help set up, on the evening of the fireworks and on the day after to help clear up. Please put your name forward if you can spare some time. Maybe get together with some friends to team up; many hands do make light work!

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION

The clothes collection will take place on Monday 8th November. If you are planning a declutter in your home, please bag up the items you no longer require and bring them to school on November 8th. The PA will be situated in the parents waiting area under the bike shelter.

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

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