

## Weekly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I was very proud to be part of the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations this week. We took time to remember and reflect on this significant day in history—Victory in Europe Day, which marked the end of World War II in Europe back in 1945.

While it may feel like a distant event, VE Day is a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and resilience shown by so many during one of the most challenging times in history. It is also a time to appreciate the peace we enjoy today and the freedoms that were so hard-won.

At times such as these, I truly value being part of a community that values learning, respect, and remembrance.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 students the best of luck for their SATs papers next week. I know that they will do their very best as they have worked so hard with a determined spirit.

School will start at 8.30am for the Y6 children, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School



*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 12<sup>th</sup> MAY

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion at Christchurch. We wish all the children a very special day.

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATS

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Faith Friends will lead Rosary in Gym Hall. 8.30am. All welcome

### FAITH FRIENDS

#### **Change of date:**

Please note that the Faith Friends will lead the Rosary on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 8.30am in the gym hall, not **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** as originally planned as the hall is in use for the Y6 SATS.

Many thanks to all the parents who joined us to say the Rosary on Wednesday morning. The children focused on the First Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection of Our Lord.

***Mary, in this mystery, we think about the resurrection of Christ and His victory over death, sin, selfishness, and whatever that keeps us from the Resurrected Christ.***



## MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

Many thanks to Lissie Wohlman, 5L, for sending a picture of her beautiful May Altar. May is a special time in our calendar to honour and pray to Our Lady.



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## ADHD COFFEE MORNING

Please put Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in your diary for an ADHD coffee morning run by our Educational Psychologist, Sam Worth.

Parents will receive information and talk about the following:

- Symptoms of ADHD and how it can present differently. How it can impact the life and education of children.
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- Ideas and strategies to support your child.

If you have any specific questions for our Educational Psychologist regarding ADHD, please email them to the main office and we will endeavour to answer them at the meeting.

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## LITERACY

*This week Ms Gannon recommends a poem....*

**Anon**

### ***Whether the Weather***

*Whether the weather be fine  
Or whether the weather be not  
Whether the weather be cold  
Or whether the weather be hot  
We'll weather the weather  
Whatever the weather  
Whether we like it or not!*

## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

We commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day at school yesterday. All classes learned about the significance of the day and why it is so important to think about and pray for all those who fought for peace in our world.

The whole school got together for prayers and held a 2 minute silence to remember.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sicily Morrison, Jack Gibbons, Jan Sadal and Leo Pampling, Y6, represented Blackheath Rugby Club U11s at the recent Chichester Rugby Tour. They demonstrated high standards and embodied rugby values in every game. Well done to all the children.



Charlie Worth and Francesco Feast, 2F, recently participated in the Spring Gold Shield semi-final as part of their football team, Glebe Lions. They have progressed to the final stages of the competition.



Mia and Ella Schelfhout, Winnie Mole and some other friends held a bake sale for The Royal Marsden and raised a whopping £800! Fantastic work girls!



*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation and The common Good.*

## SUMMER FAYRE

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy. Please sign up by following the link below:  
[volunteersignup.org/L7L8K](http://volunteersignup.org/L7L8K)

Please note that on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we will have a non-uniform day to support the PA. Children are asked to bring a bottle and/or teddy to school, which will be used at the Summer Fayre. Bottles must be full and unused. They can have anything in them e.g., squash, wash up liquid, bubble bath, alcohol etc.

We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to start propagating plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact the PA as they will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

The cake stall will need lots of delicious cakes on the day so think about what you can donate.

Many thanks for all your support.

Email [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.org](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.org) for more information.

## BIKE MARKET

A huge thank you to all the families that generously donated bikes to our first market this week. The bikes were checked by a mechanic before being put up for sale. All of the children at St Mary's will benefit from the funds raised when these bikes have been sold at other markets. We hope to raise over £250 and would love to welcome Peddle My Wheels back again next year.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council organised board games for the children to play at lunchtime this week. Everyone had a great time!



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