



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 15 6 January 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that you had a good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. The term got off to a good start with a beautiful Mass this morning and we were pleased to have so many parents and grandparents there.

Next week, we bid farewell to Mrs Haseena Bhapotra who has been our School Business Manager since March 2021. Haseena and her family are moving to North London and new opportunities there, and we wish her every happiness.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk



Attendance matters

RAB	98.3	RHH	88.3
1SW	98.3	1DS	87.5
2NG	96.7	2BY	93.1
3YL	84.5	3ES	96.4
4AC	89.3	4JB	87.9
5SR	92.5	5LM	98.1
6EW	94.4	6HW	95.5

RAB and 1SW are off to a good start this term. Every day counts and it's vital that children attend school regularly.

Please call the school office **by 8am** if your child will be absent from school and each day until they are well enough to return.

Dogs on the school site

Many schools do not permit dogs at school at all; however, we allow well-behaved dogs on the school site, provided **they are carried by an adult**. This is for obvious safety and hygiene reasons and we need full cooperation.

Thank you.





Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Inspirational Person for next week - Louis Braille

On 4th of January it was World Braille Day - a day on which we remember the life and contribution to the world that Louis Braille made. Louis was a French man who lost his sight following an accident when he was just 3 years old but this did not deter him; whilst he was still a teenager he developed a communication system which enables visually impaired people to read words and music.



Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a fantastic £530 in aid of Cafod on our Christmas Jumper Day! Each class collected their own money and then decided which gifts they wanted to spend their money on. As always, this caused a lot of interesting debates in the classroom as the children made their choices. They have chosen a wide variety of gifts to help those experiencing poverty overseas such as an emergency water supply, a teach someone to read kit and some chirpy chickens. Further information can be found at worldgifts.cafod.org Thank you for supporting the children with this fundraising project.

Mrs Beirne

An appeal from the Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies are collecting old Christmas cards and if you have any you wish to dispose of, please hand them in at the office.

Thank you,
Mrs Harrison

A message from Daniel Gallagher- Kent Association for the Blind

I would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks and gratitude to Mrs Harrison and the children who sang Carols for us just before Christmas. That afternoon we raised over £300.

Important links

[Curriculum at a Glance](#)

Information on what your child will learn each term.

[Our Parent Handbook](#)

A reference document for all things St Mary's, produced in response to July's parent survey. If there are any other areas you would like to be included, I welcome your feedback. Simply email academy@stmaryscp.co.uk.

Irish dancing

Dates for this term are as follows;
Wednesday 11th January to Wednesday 29th March 2023.

There is no scheduled class for Wednesday 22nd March.

There are some spaces available in the beginners class. Please telephone Marian Togwell (07712674990) for more information.

Achievement

Oliver took part in his first taekwondo competition before Christmas, winning silver for his patterns and gold for movement. Well done, Oliver!



Bromley Y support

Bromley Y offers a range of free support services to support children's mental health. Below are details of webinars planned for this term for young people and parents. Further details of these sessions have been emailed to you with the Friday Flyer.

BROMLEY
Building Strengths

Wellbeing Webinars

For Young People

Managing Anxiety

Tues 17th Jan @ 4:30pm
Tues 21st Feb @ 4:30pm
Thurs 30th Mar @ 4:30pm
Tues 25th Apr @ 4:30pm

Anxious Thoughts & Worries


Thurs 9th Feb @ 4:30pm
Wed 22nd Mar @ 4:30pm

Tackling Low Mood & Depression

Wed 1st Feb @ 4:30pm
Thurs 9th Mar @ 4:30pm
Thurs 27th Apr @ 4:30pm

Developing Healthy Study Habits

Thurs 26th Jan @ 4:30pm
Wed 15th Feb @ 2pm
Tues 14th Mar @ 4:30pm
Thurs 6th Apr @ 11am



Dealing with Exam Stress

Wed 19th Apr @ 4:30pm
Tues 9th May @ 4:30pm

All young people webinars run at 4.30pm for 1 hour

For Parents & Carers

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Sat 21st Jan @ 10:00am
Wed 1st Mar @ 1pm
Tues 18th Apr @ 10:00am

Helping Your Child With Anxiety (Primary)

Tues 7th Feb @ 1pm
Wed 8th Mar @ 10am
Sat 22nd Apr @ 10am

Helping Your Child With Anxiety (Secondary)

Thurs 16th Feb @ 1pm
Sat 18th March @ 10am
Thurs 15th Apr @ 1pm




SCAN ME

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).

For safeguarding reasons, children may not wear smart watches in school. This includes watches such as Spacetalk and KidiZoom which can be controlled by parents. Simple fitness trackers without internet connectivity or cameras are fine.



Next week at St Mary's	
Monday 9 January	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, Y1 & 2
Tuesday 10 January	Year 4 trip to the Sikh Gurdwara 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 11 January	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 12 January	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6
Friday 13 January	Year 2 Forest School 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3

All policies are available from the school on request.

Contacting the school office
Please could we ask that if you need to email the office, you do so using the school email address:

admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

Unfortunately if you use any other address - including the one from which you have received the Friday Flyer, your message could be missed.

Keeping Children Safe: How to Combat Online Bullying

Cyber-bullying is defined as ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online. Accompanying the Friday Flyer is a factsheet on how you can empower your child and protect them online. This builds upon the safety messages that thread through our computing curriculum.

Mobile devices

If your child travels to school unaccompanied and needs a mobile phone, they are handed into the office for safekeeping.