



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

At last week's PTA meeting, Ms Bhapotra shared plans for the new play equipment for Reception's outdoor area and we are delighted that the committee agreed to fund it. The children will have a bespoke 'Young Explorer' tower featuring a climbing wall, firefighter poles, scramble nets and a climbing ramp and we aim to have it installed at the end of May- they will love it!

Thank you to the PTA and to all of our families who have so generously supported PTA events, enabling us to purchase such lovely resources for the children.

Enjoy half term.

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](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk)*

## Our Wednesday Word message

"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."

Pope Francis

## Two new facilities for absence reporting

Text 07719 085 799

Email [pupilabsence@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@stmaryscp.co.uk)

## Breck Foundation workshops

These workshops were a huge success and the children learned a great deal about the importance of staying safe online; I am grateful to Miss Boyce for organising them. Several parents enquired as to whether it was possible to have a parent workshop and Miss Boyce has rovisionally booked the following:

**7pm Wednesday 23 February via Teams**

We will send you the link once it is confirmed and hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join it.

## On Twitter this week...

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby League competition  
Year 2 forest school

Follow us @StMarysBeck

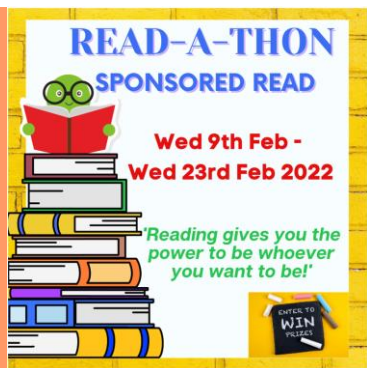


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## Book look events

On Wednesday 23 February between 3.30pm and 4pm and on Thursday 24 February between 8.15am and 8.35am you are invited to come to your child's classroom to view their books. These dates are before parent consultation meetings take place and whilst class teachers will be present, they will discuss your child's learning and progress with you privately during your formal appointment.

This is the final parent consultation that will take place online; all future meetings will be face-to-face.



## Read-A-Thon

This runs from Wed 9th to Wed 23rd Feb and is an opportunity for your children to read every day and raise money for the school. All money raised will go towards the cost of replacing the new phonics scheme that is needed for Reception to Year 2.

There will be prizes to be won per class for most money raised and most minutes read as well as an overall class prize.

### THE READ-A-THON TIMELINE

Fri 4th February - Sponsorship forms/Reading logs sent out electronically. Start to gather sponsors and fill in sponsorship form. People have the option to sponsor an amount PER MINUTE e.g. 5p per minute or pay a FLAT RATE e.g. £5 for the whole Read-A-Thon.

Wednesday 9th Feb - Read-A-Thon STARTS. Remember to update the Reading Log. Older children can do this themselves.

## Wednesday 23rd Feb - Read-A-Thon ENDS.

23rd -28th Feb - Add up total minutes read and gather in sponsorship payments. Ensure Sponsorship form/Reading log is complete with payment method indicated. Hand in Sponsorship form/Reading Log/Payment to the "PTA Mailbox" in the office by 28th February at the latest. Sadly, we cannot consider a child for a prize unless we have the form, log and payment by the deadline. This also applies if paying by ParentPay.

## An Invitation from Archbishop John Wilson and The Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

On Sunday 13th February 2022, the Catholic Church will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. To mark this important day, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at 10 am in St George's Cathedral, in collaboration with the Southwark Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. The theme of the Mass will 'One in Christ', offering an opportunity for all Christians to join together in reflecting on the importance of racial justice.

The service will also be a chance to celebrate both ethnic and cultural diversity within the Diocese and South-East in general, and to give thanks for the work of our new commission, whose primary purpose is to engage with the clergy and laity within Southwark in order to share the key message of God's love for everyone, and that there is no place for racism in our parishes, schools and churches.



## Ways you can support the PTA

If you order your grocery shop online, you can raise funds for St Mary's at no additional cost to you. Here is how...

### Easyfundraising

*'Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into donations for your good cause, at no cost to you. How? Just visit your favourite retailers through our website and the shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase the retailer will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you".'*

We currently have 92 supporters who between them have raised a fantastic £2724 for the school. Retailers include asos, Sainsbury's, M&S, Asda, Tesco, Sports Direct, Currys Boden and Ocado. Supporters can either download the Easyfundraising app and click through to retailers from there, or go through the Easyfundraising website. The link is here:

[Easyfundraising link- St Mary's](#)

## Spare uniform- appeal from Reception

Reception would appreciate donations of spare clean pants, socks and tights for when children have an accident. They are also looking for spare shorts and dresses. Thank you!

## Proposed base station installation at Beckenham sports club

Please see the consultation letter attached. If you wish to respond, please send your views to Waldron Telecom Ltd via [Charles.Dunsby@waldontelecom.com](mailto:Charles.Dunsby@waldontelecom.com)

*All policies are available from the school on request.*



Hi everyone!

I am a St Mary's mum (Year 1) and just wanted to say that my Spanish lessons for adults on site are back and I am starting a new Beginners course on the 22nd February! (just after the school break). For more information, please visit the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/624200688689909?ref=newsfeed>

Alternatively you can also visit my website:

<https://www.spanishlessonsbroley.co.uk/>

Thank you!

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