



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 16 14 January 2022

Dear Parents,

We welcomed the final group of prospective parents to St Mary's on Wednesday and it was a pleasure to show them around our lovely school. As always, visitors commented on how friendly and hardworking the children are and the calm working atmosphere in the school.

On a personal note, thank you for your messages, Mass intentions and beautiful flowers following the death of my father. Your kindness is appreciated.

Kind regards,

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

Farewell to Mrs Hunt

Tomorrow we bid a sad farewell to Mrs Jo Hunt who has worked with us as a TA since 2007. Mrs Hunt provided support and care for so many children during her years here and she will be missed by us all! We wish her all the best for her new life in Essex.

We welcome Mrs Anna Patel who joins the Reception team this week.

Our Wednesday Word message

God wants us to be filled with joy – Jesus came to make our joy complete. In the first of his many miracles, Jesus changed the water into wine and brought great joy to the wedding celebration. For us too, Jesus changes our lives when he enters into our hearts and homes; he makes the ordinary special and life more joyful.



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Mobile facility for absence reporting

We are pleased to inform you that we now have an additional facility for reporting your child's absence.

With effect from Monday 14th January, you be able to send us a text on 07719 085 799.

When you send a text, please provide the following:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- The reason for absence.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NUMBER IS FOR TEXTING ONLY.

If you wish to leave a telephone message, please use the school number 020 8650 2355 - Option 1.

We hope you find this additional facility useful.

Mini Vinnies Christmas card collection

Please save your Christmas cards and bring to a Mini Vinnie in Year 5 who will be happy to take these cards.

They will be reused again in the community.

Thank you, Mrs. Harrison

St Mary's Governing Body

We currently seek to appoint a foundation governor and a local governor to our Governing Body and are especially keen to recruit people with skills in finance, law, diversity & inclusion or human resources. Diocesan policy requires foundation governors to be practising Catholics as they have a statutory duty to preserve and develop the religious character of the school. Local governors do not have to be Catholic.

If you would like to be considered or would like more information, please email admin@stmaryscp.co.uk or chair@stmaryscp.co.uk.

Ankle boots

A reminder that our school uniform policy states that children should wear black shoes (closed toe) and not ankle boots to school. This is unless your child is exempt on medical grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior Parkrun

JUNIOR PARKRUN LAUNCHING IN BECKENHAM PLACE PARK
January 23rd 2022 at 9am

A free, weekly 2km run for 4-14 year olds and their families. Come along and join the fun! Register for your free barcode here: www.parkrun.org.uk

We need volunteers to help run the event too so email beckenhamplacejuniors@parkrun.com to help your local community and enjoy our beautiful park.

CAFOD World Gifts

Thank you for your support for this appeal. We collected a fantastic total of £690 for CAFOD!

Celebrate 20 years of Imagine Children's Festival

The largest festival of its kind in the UK, *Imagine Children's Festival* is dedicated to families experiencing and enjoying all kinds of art and culture together.

Imagine Children's Festival turns 20 in 2022 but has no intention of growing up any time soon! We've got over 160 events jam-packed into 12 days and over 50% of the festival is completely free.

You can find the very best children's theatre, comedy, music, literature, dance and, most importantly, full-on fun for children and their grown-ups this February half-term. *Imagine Children's Festival* is all about unlocking creativity, celebrating the individuality of every child and bringing families together. This year, we're also focusing on wellbeing and mindfulness, with a wide range of access-friendly events.

Visit this link for further information: [Imagine Children's Festival 2022](#)

COVID-19 update

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home until you are certain they do not have COVID.

In line with the reduced self-isolation approach which comes into effect on 17 January, anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 5 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive a negative LFD results on day 6.

Here is the most recent DfE guidance:

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance. Information on the new arrangements can be found in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 17 January	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 18 January	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 19 January	No Irish dancing 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 20 January	KS2 Green assembly Nourish - School Dinners – Numbers Festival 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 21 January	Year 2 forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3

Birthday books

Because we have a number of children with allergies, we cannot permit sweets and cakes for birthdays, even if they are to be distributed on the playground after school.

If you wish to mark your child's birthday we would welcome a donation of a book for the class library; a book plate will be added to acknowledge your child's gift.

All policies are available from the school on request.

