



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

We have had a busy first half term at school and are enjoying being back to normal. We finish for half term at 3.15pm today and reopen on Monday 1st November.

This was Mr Wentworth's last full week at St Mary's and he leaves us on 2nd November for a new adventure in Canada. He has been part of Team St Mary's since 2016 and we will miss him!

Enjoy half term and keep safe and well.

Best wishes,

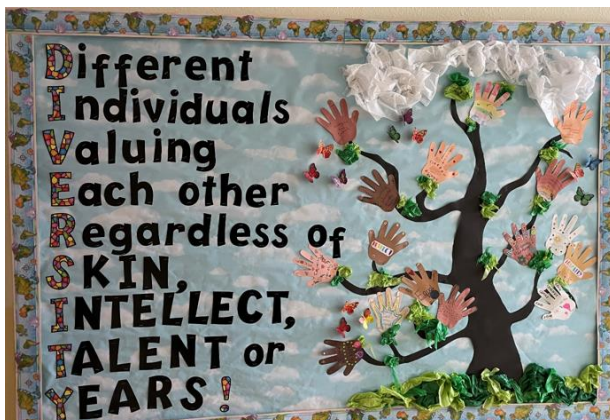
Mrs Vassallo and Staff

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

Our Wednesday Word message

Most of us require courage at some time in our lives. Courage helps us to do many great things; to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good.

God grant me
the *Serenity*
To accept the things
I cannot change;
Courage to change
the things I can;
And *Wisdom*
to know the *Difference*.



District Champions!

Massive congratulations to our boys' football team who won the Bromley District Championship on Thursday.

They played the top schools in Bromley and will now go into represent Bromley in the Kent County Championships. A huge achievement as they won all of their three games without conceding a goal.

A huge well done to Olly, Jacob, Ciaran, Nacho, Lenny, Harri, Jake, Louis and Rafael.

A huge thank you also to Mr Verga for his coaching and training and to Mr Wentworth for his support.



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Black History Month

This half term we looked at the contributions that some influential black people have made in society. These include artist Stephen Wiltshire, campaigner Marcus Rashford and Mae Jemison, who was the first black woman to travel into space. After half term, children will learn about Dina Asher-Smith, Benjamin Zephaniah and Floella Benjamin.

Our school is a diverse and vibrant community and that is one of our strengths. A key priority in the school improvement plan is to review the curriculum to ensure that it supports diversity and equality, something which is vital in modern society. Here are some beautiful displays from around the school.



Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck District champions!
 2NG doing 5-a-day fitness
 Reception exploring Hinduism
 KS2 Hymn Practice
 Year 6 maths group
 Year 5 dance performance
 Year 6 Antarctic shelters
 Hello Yellow day

100 Club

A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up to the PTA 100 Club for this school year. If you've been meaning to but not got round to it yet there is still time. The first draw will take place in the week after half-term - you need to be in it to win it so sign up now! It's quick and easy to join, just look for PTA 100 Club on ParentPay. It's £30 for the school year and you can purchase more than once which increases your chances of winning. Family and friends are welcome to join too, just purchase for them and settle up with them separately. There will be 6 draws per year. The more members we have the more our school benefits and the bigger the prizes!

Katherine Jarrett

PTA

Are you looking for a new challenge? Mrs Nora Casey is currently the Treasurer of our PTA and plans to step down after Christmas, so we are looking for her successor. PTA officer roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are normally rotated every two years but because of COVID disruptions, Nora has served for three years. If you would like to put yourself forward or to have a discussion before making a commitment, please email admin@stmaryscp.co.uk.

Flu Immunisation Programme

The Flu Immunisation Programme takes place here at St. Mary's on 1st November.

If you wish your child to take part, please remember to complete the consent form by **MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2021**.

The consent form is only available online at the link below.

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/bromley>

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.

Next week at St Mary's	
Monday 1 November	Flu vaccinations 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I & 2
Tuesday 2 November	School photographer (individual photos) 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 3 November	Open morning for prospective parents at 10.30am 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6

Thursday 4 November	Dress down day for Elfridges 7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 5 November	Year 5 forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3

Yoga Club

Would you like enhance your child's wellbeing, and for them to start the day focused, calm and ready for school? Space is available for the Yoga Club, for children of years 2-6 to learn the various practices of yoga. Classes include movement, breathing techniques, yoga games, teamwork and relaxation. Yoga helps children with their emotional regulation, building confidence and enhancing their creativity. It is a great way to support children's wellbeing both physically and mentally as we move forward after the pandemic.

The club is run by Claire from YogaBright, and runs from 8am-Registration on Thursday mornings, email claire@yogabright.info for details.

COVID-19 guidance

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

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. **You should arrange for them to get a PCR test** and send the school a copy of the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

Schools no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

All policies are available from the school on request.

