



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

This is one of the busiest times of year in a primary school. This week, we had fabulous performances by our Reception and KS1 children. They showed such talent and we could not be more proud of them!

The children have been out and about, despite the cold weather. On Monday, Mini Vinnies sang at the St Vincent de Paul lunch at St Edmund's and shared handmade Christmas cards with guests. Later in the week, Reception and Year 3 travelled by bus to visit the Bromley Picture House cinema and Year 4 went to Croydon on the tram to see the pantomime. I received lovely feedback which I have shared with you below.

This is the final Friday Flyer of this term.

Please remember that school closes on Wednesday at **2pm** and reopens for children on Wednesday 4th January.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish to thank you all for your support this term. Have a very happy and holy Christmas.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



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A message from St Vincent de Paul Society, Beckenham

On behalf of SVP Beckenham, we would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to staff for preparing the Mini-Vinnie choir so well for their performance at the SVP Christmas Lunch on Monday.

We also heard that they all had to walk from school to the hall as the minibus couldn't make it out of the school car park due to the icy conditions. What resilience!

The children sang beautifully and we were particularly impressed with their rendition of Silent Night in Spanish and that they sang all the carols by heart.

Our guests were also so touched at the individualised Christmas cards and I know they will be treasured over Christmas.

Please tell the children that they made this lunch event for our elderly and sometimes isolated guests extra-special and we all greatly appreciate their effort and that of the staff who made it all happen.

Wishing you all a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas.

Kind regards

Fiona Ross
On behalf of SVP Beckenham

A message from a member of the public about our Year 3 children

I just really wanted to compliment you on the excellent behaviour of one of your classes on the 354 bus today.

They were so quiet that I didn't even realise they had been on the bus until they got off.

It is so good to see such a fine example of good behaviour.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. G.

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	91.4	RHH	90.2
1SW	93.5	1DS	86.1
2NG	87.3	2BY	88.2
3YL	93.6	3ES	94.2
4AC	91.9	4JB	95.5
5SR	92.0	5LM	95.3
6EW	91.2	6HW	93.4

Best class for attendance this half term- 4JB.

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.

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 am open to your feedback. Simply email academy@stmaryscp.co.uk.



Prayers please

Please keep in your prayers Miss Leonard and Mr Breen, both of whom are unwell and have been in hospital recently.

PTA news

PTA Christmas school items are back on parent pay, for any last minute gifts.

We have;-

2023 calendars - £8.50

Infant & Junior Tea Towels - £5

Infant & Junior Tote Bags - £6

Gingerbread candles - £6

If you would like to buy these, please make payment through parent pay and we can get them ready for your child's book bag / rucksack on Tuesday 20th December.

Well done, Alexander

Alexander gained his green belt in taekwondo on Thursday. Well done!



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: YouTube and TikTok

We are aware that some of our children have 'public' YouTube channels and TikTok accounts. Keeping safe online is a constant thread through our computing curriculum and we want to support you in ensuring that children use the internet safely when not under our care.

TikTok's terms and conditions stipulate that the minimum age for accessing the platform is 13. By default, all accounts are public so anyone with the app can see what a child shares. Users can 'like' or react to content and send messages to each other, thus exposing children to the possibility of being contacted directly by strangers. A fact sheet accompanies the Friday Flyer.

Similar risks exist for public YouTube accounts and we are sharing two factsheets to help you to guide your child at home.

Mobile devices

If your child travels to school unaccompanied and needs a mobile phone, they are handed into the office for safekeeping. For safeguarding reasons, children may not wear smart watches in school. Simple fitness trackers without internet connectivity or cameras are fine.



Twitter feed @StMarysBeck.

Year 5 geography work and food DT

Year 3 hill fort designs

St Mary's in the snow!

All policies are available from the school on request.

CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Please remember that Taekwondo, Gymnastics, Irish Dancing, Spotlights and Karate clubs are now finished until 2023.

Premier Sports WILL RUN their Netball, Football and Multi-Sports club - weather permitting.