



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 3 16 September 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

The PTA AGM took place last night and there is much to look forward to this year! Plans are underway for the Christmas Fair on 26 November as well as a host of other events for parents and children.

Last year, the PTA raised an amazing **£39,000** for St Mary's. This was achieved through a great deal of hard work and with the unstinting commitment of our school community. Our fundraising efforts this year will support the purchase of new Chromebooks for the children; additional resources including home reading books for the Little Wandle scheme and activities for Science Week.

Thanks are due once again to our outgoing Chair- Mrs Tanya Kadambari- and Treasurer- Mrs Nora Casey- for their huge efforts on behalf of the children of St Mary's.

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



#### **Invitation to our Reception parents**

The first few weeks have flown by and we are delighted that our Reception children are settling so well; they are enjoying their new classrooms and quickly making friends.

Reception parents are warmly invited to a Curriculum Evening on Thursday 22 September at 7pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the curriculum your child will be following in Reception and to gain some tips on how to support learning at home.

The Curriculum Evening will be followed from 7.30pm to 8.15pm by a welcome event hosted by the PTA. It is an opportunity to meet other parents within the year group and to hear a little more about the work of our Parent Teacher Association.

We do hope to see you all there.

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



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### Save our School Street

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered so far, but we need more support.

The link to sign up is here:

<https://signup.com/go/KwimsZQ>.

There is still a small number of parents who enter the road during School Street and I would respectfully request that they refrain from doing so.

The School Street scheme is there to make the children's journey to school safer and we need everyone behind the initiative.



### Parent Handbook

Accompanying the Friday Flyer, you will find a copy of our Parent Handbook. This was written based on feedback from our parents and you will find lots of helpful information on all aspects of school life.

### Message from a past pupil

As a former student - I wish to formally invite St Mary's Catholic Primary School, to the brand new, exciting "Black in The Ballroom" #BiTB project that will be piloting this year with details below of our FREE Launch Event on Saturday 8th October 2022.

### What is 'Black in The Ballroom'?

The project aims to attract young people from the ages of 4 to 18, who may not have previously been exposed to the world of Ballroom and Latin American dancing, with a specific aim to attract 'Global Majority' young people of Black and Mixed heritage.

This is a great opportunity for lovers of "Strictly Come Dancing" who have not previously had access to ballroom dance classes. I have also personally featured in the BBC documentary "Blackpool's Dance Fever" which aired on BBC One on Monday 29th August 2022; this investigates the world of competitive ballroom dancing and specifically calls out the need for greater racial diversity.

Oskar Odiakosa

# BLACK IN THE BALLROOM #BITB

FREE LAUNCH EVENT

THE FIRST UK PROJECT PROMOTING RACIAL EQUALITY  
IN BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN DANCING



**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

DANCE WORKSHOPS      SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS  
PERFORMANCES FROM STARS OF BBC'S "BLACKPOOL'S DANCE FEVER"  
YOUR UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR  
"BLACK IN THE BALLROOM - THE PROJECT"


**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU FOR THIS UNMISSABLE EVENT!**

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE. SIGN UP AT [WWW.TIREDMOVEMENT.COM](http://WWW.TIREDMOVEMENT.COM) OR EMAIL: [INFO@TIREDMOVEMENT.COM](mailto:INFO@TIREDMOVEMENT.COM)

**TIME**      16:00 - 17:30      (4-10 YEARS)      17:00 - 18:30      (11-18 YEARS)

**VENUE**

JJ Dance Studios  
182b High Street  
Beckenham  
BR3 1EW



**HOW TO FIND US**

By Train: Nearest stations – Beckenham Junction, New Beckenham, Clockhouse, Beckenham Hill, Shortlands.

By Tram: Beckenham Junction Tram Stop.





By Bus: Bus routes to Beckenham High Street: 54, 162, 194, 227, 352, 354, 358, 367.

Driving: Parking is available in the Lidl Car Park a short walk away from the studio, parking is also available at Sainsbury's Multi-Storey Car Park (5-minute walk).

**CONTACT US**

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<b>Next week at St Mary's</b>	
Monday 19 September	<b>Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 20 September	<b>2BY to Pizza Express Beckenham</b> <b>2NG to Pizza Express Bromley</b>  7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 21 September	<b>Class photos for PTA calendar</b>  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 22 September	<b>Reception parents' curriculum presentation evening and PTA welcome event 7pm</b>  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6
Friday 23 September	<b>Year 6 to forest school</b>  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3