



The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 5 1 October 2021

Dear Parents

The Family Fun Fest was a huge success and it was lovely to see our families- past and present- come out to support our school.

Through our efforts, we raised a magnificent total of £3800 which will go towards the Reception playground project. Thank you most sincerely for your support and a big 'well done' to our PTA.

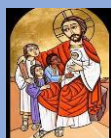
Best wishes,

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

Jesus is open to everyone - he has time for us and cares for us. Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person. Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.



Attendance

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised. Attendance below 90% is persistent absenteeism.

RAB	95.8	RES	96.4
1SW	96.4	1JB	97.1
2HH	94.5	2NG	96.9
3AW	98.8	3YL	95.9
4BY	98.8	4AC	97.1
5SR	98.7	5LM	97.0
6EW	95.0	6HW	94.8

The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on 15 October. Best classes for attendance so far: 3AW and 4BY!

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.

Attendance Matters



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.



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October devotions

October is a month of prayer and devotion to Our Lady and traditionally, Catholics recite a set of prayers known as 'The Rosary'.

The Rosary reminds us about special events in the life of Jesus and of Mary, his mother. The prayers are organised into four sets of 'mysteries', each of which marks a period of time in Jesus's life. The mysteries are:

Joyful Mysteries (birth and early events in Jesus's life)

Luminous Mysteries (Jesus's early ministry)

Sorrowful Mysteries (Jesus's passion and crucifixion)

Glorious Mysteries (Jesus's resurrection, ascension into heaven and Mary is crowned as queen of heaven and earth)

Every Friday during the month of October we will have Rosary and devotions in the main hall at 8.35am for ten minutes; this is open to all of our children and families. You do not need to be Catholic to join us; you will receive an order of service to guide you along and we can lend you Rosary beads if you do not have your own. We would love to see as many of our families as possible there.



Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck:

HelloYellow Mental Health Day
Year 2 learn about the bravery of Rosa Parks
Year 5 designing their Christmas cards
Reception loving Tug of War!
Year 6 at forest school at Beckenham Place Park

Norovirus

Despite all of our hygiene measures, we have had a high number of cases across the school this week. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they must be clear of symptoms for a day before returning to school

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 4 October	5LM swimming lessons all week 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I & 2
Tuesday 5 October	Boys' football tournament at Southborough Primary 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 6 October	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 7 October	Girls' football tournament at Southborough Primary 7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 8 October	8.35am: October Devotions begin 9.05am: Whole school Mass plus charity food donations HelloYellow mental health day Macmillan coffee morning 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.

Nuts and nut products

We have a number of children across the school who are severely allergic to peanuts and tree nuts. Exposure to nuts requires immediate medical intervention and it can be life-threatening for them.

We would request that children do not bring nuts or nut products to school in packed lunches or for snacks. This includes products such as:

- some chocolate spreads (Nutella etc)
- some cereal bars
- sesame seeds
- tree nuts (almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, brazil nuts, cashews, pecans, pistachios and macadamia nuts)
- peanuts

Please check ingredients before sending items to school and if they contain even traces of nuts, they cannot come in. Thank you for your support with this.

Coffee morning

We, in year 4, are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 8th October** in the small school hall after drop off **9am-10:30am**, to raise money and awareness in support of a fellow year 4 mum, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Please come and join us to enjoy a tea/coffee and slice of homemade cake, in exchange for a donation. All are welcome.

If you can't make the coffee morning but would still like to support the event, we will be asking for baked goods homemade or bought, as donations dropped to the small hall, on the morning of the event.

In addition to this, a group of us (including some of the year 4 children) are running a 3k, 5k or 10k Race for Life on **Sunday 3rd October** at Crystal Palace Park. Our fundraising page is here:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-marys-group> (please sponsor one of the team)

If you would like to come and cheer us on or join in the event, please do let us know!


Sally (07850659255) & Maria (07720631982)
On behalf of your year 4 parents

Term Dates for **next year**: 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Tuesday 30 August 2022	INSET
Wednesday 1 September 2022	Open for pupils
Friday 14 October 2022	Close for children for half term at 3.15pm
17- 28 October 2022	Half term
Monday 31 October 2022	Open for pupils
Wednesday 21 December 2022	Close at 2pm for Christmas break
Spring Term 2023	
Tuesday 3 January 2023	Open for pupils
Friday 10 February 2023	Close for half term at 3.15pm
13-17 February	Half term
Monday 20 February 2023	School opens for pupils
Friday 31 March 2023	Close for Easter break at 2pm
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 17 April 2023	Open for pupils
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank holiday
Friday 26 May	Close for half term at 3.15pm
29 May- 2 June 2023	Half term
Monday 5 June 2023	INSET
Tuesday 6 June 2023	Open for pupils
Friday 21 July 2023	School closes for pupils at 2pm

All policies are available from the school on request.


Summer/Autumn 2021



Webinar for Parents & Carers
Helping Children with Fears and Worries

A free, one-off session supporting parents and carers of school-aged children

Understand more about anxiety in children and young people




Consider ways to build confidence at this challenging and uncertain time

Find out about strategies to help your child explore and manage worries

Learn more about local services and online options for further support

Each webinar lasts for 90 mins and is delivered online via Microsoft Teams, facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners.



Primary Webinars

Tues 10th Aug @ 10.30am
Sat 11th Sept @ 10.30am
Thurs 14th Oct @ 1.00pm
Sat 15th Nov @ 10.30am
Wed 8th Dec @ 1.00pm

Secondary Webinars

Tues 3rd Aug @ 10.30am
Sat 4th Sept @ 10.30am
Wed 6th Oct @ 1.00pm
Sat 6th Nov @ 10.30am
Thurs 2nd Dec @ 1.00pm

Places can be booked on the Bromley Y Eventbrite Page.

