



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 27 22 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter to you all and I hope that you had a good break.

The summer term is always a busy one and there is plenty to look forward to in the diary. Happy's Circus are making their long-awaited visit on Sunday and I believe there are still a small number of tickets available via Parent Pay. I hope to see you there!

We are making some significant changes to how we teach early reading and Mrs Woods will lead information evenings for you on Tuesday and Thursday next week- there is more information on that below.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

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HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!



After 3 long years the very much anticipated Happy's Circus are finally back in town and we cannot wait to see them in action! This is always a super popular event at St Mary's and we hope to see as many of you there as possible, family and friends are welcome to come along too!

Happy circus had an incredible act the last time they visited us, their breathtaking and mind blowing performance had us all on the edge of our seats...it was a show for everyone and we were not left disappointed!

We are told this show is SPECTACULAR, so make sure you hurry and buy yourself a ticket to see these amazing performers on 24th April!

Tickets went on sale on Monday and are on parentpay now, we've sold quite a few already so don't delay, hurry to get your tickets and make sure you don't miss out on all the fun!

Tickets
£10 each
£36 for a family of 4.
Children under 2yrs go free.



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Please be mindful of our neighbours when visiting the circus and avoid parking on the unmade section of Westgate Road.

Next week at St Mary's	
Monday 25 April	Islam week Year 4 to Knole Park 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 26 April	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 27 April	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 28 April	Spotlights- Y1&2 -3.15pm- 4.45pm & 4.45-6.15pm:
Friday 29 April	Year 3 Mayan workshop Year 1 Forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y1-6

Early reading

We have recently purchased a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. This is so we can bring our approach to phonics and early reading in line with the new guidance about how to teach children to read.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised has been validated by the Department for Education; it is a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme, which means that it includes reading books as well as the progression of phonics.

Feedback from schools already using Little Wandle is extremely encouraging and we are looking forward to introducing the new scheme to the children and enjoying the Little Wandle reading books with them and with you.

We will hold two information evenings for parents:

Tuesday 25th April and Thursday 28th April, both at 7pm.

65 of you responded to the survey with on how you would like the sessions to be delivered, with outcomes as follows:

Face-to-face, in school: 16
Online, via Teams: 49

In response to your views, the sessions will be held virtually and we will send a Teams link to you soon. The same content will be covered in both sessions so please choose whichever one is convenient for you.

Welcome back...

... to Mrs Slade who returned from maternity leave yesterday. She is supporting our Early Career Teachers and providing interventions across the school this term.

Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund

Please return your charity money boxes by Friday 29th April. All the money will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society for their Crisis Fund. The crisis fund provides immediate financial support for families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

The charity is incredibly grateful for our support during these difficult times.

Mrs Beirne

Year 6 survey

Thank you to the 38 parents who responded to the survey about our end of year events. The outcomes are as follows:

Do you feel that the sleepover on 1 July should proceed?

Yes: 33

No: 5

If the sleepover goes ahead, will your child participate?

Yes: 35

No: 3

Do you feel that the school disco on 19 July should proceed?

Yes: 36

No: 2

On that basis, we shall have a sleepover for Year 6 at school on Friday 1 July with details to follow and a disco in school on Tuesday 19 July, 6pm-8pm.

The Avenue

We have had a phone call from a resident of the unmade part of The Avenue to say that they are carrying out roadworks on Monday. They wanted to let parents know that they you not be able to park there on the day.

Covid

Children who test positive for Covid are advised to isolate for three days. For ease of reference, it is as follows:

Day 0: day of positive test (at home)

Day 1: at home

Day 2: at home

Day 3: at home

Day 4: return to school if well enough to do so

All policies are available from the school on request.

