



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. It was a resounding success, raising an incredible amount of money for our Reception learning area project. I am grateful to you all for your contributions, whether you gave of your skills, your time or your money.

It was undoubtedly a team effort, but particular thanks must go to our Class Reps and PTA, all of whom worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

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

This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Advent is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes.



Attendance

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

RAB	94.2	RES	95.8
1SW	96.3	1JB	95.3
2HH	99.5	2NG	97.5
3AW	97.5	3YL	95.8
4BY	96.8	4AC	98.2
5SR	97.0	5LM	98.2
6EW	96.7	6HW	97.5

The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on the last day of term. Best class for attendance so far: 2HH!

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.



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Cross country

Year 5 and 6 did us proud at last week's cross country tournament and came home with the Medium Schools' trophy!

There was some great sportsmanship along the way- St Mary's at its very best. Thank you to the children and to the staff who coached and supported them.



School Street

You may have spotted announcements from local councillors this week that from January, St Mary's is to become a 'School Street'.

The School Street initiative is already in place in several Bromley schools with the closest scheme to us operating at Clare House. It means that there are temporary restrictions on motorised traffic at school drop-off and collection times and for us, these will be between 8.30am and 9am and between 3pm and 3.45pm. The aim is to make the road safer for our children.

It is a trial initially and there will undoubtedly be some learning points along the way.

Happy School Bag

Happy School Bag will be collecting your unwanted clothes on Monday 6th December - please leave your bags by the back gate for collection on that morning.

Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck
Christmas Fair
Year 5 & 6 cross country runners
6HW dance
Year 5 forest school
Year 1 scientists

Lego competition

Catrina Conneely (Year 6 parent) is launching a free Lego competition again like last year on our Facebook page.

Rules are simple;-

Post your Christmas design on the St Marys closed page by Friday 10th December.

A small prize will be awarded to the most creative design in Reception, KS1 and KS2, so please leave your child's name and class on the post.

Winners will be announced before the end of term.

Reception and KS1 entries may use Duplo.

No prizes for adults, but you can still enter.

Donna Mentesh- PTA



100 Club news

The first PTA 100 Club draw has taken place and the lucky winners are:

First prize - Perna Mankad

Second prize - Lia Dorgan

Third prize - Roseline Mukucha

The second draw will take place at the end of term. You can join the 100 Club at any time, 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

COVID-19 update

We have had six further cases of Covid-19 amongst the children and staff this week. Please continue to be vigilant.

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.

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 29 November	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 30 November	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 1 December	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 2 December	7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 3 December	Advent devotions Year 4 forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3

All policies are available from the school on request.

