



The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 17 27 January 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

Reception had their first class Mass this morning and they were an absolute joy. They behaved beautifully and led us in prayer with their singing and reading. Well done Reception! We were pleased that so many parents and grandparents could join us for the Mass.

Have a good 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

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.

Industrial action Wednesday 1st February

As you are aware, the NEU voted to take industrial action with the first strike day being Wednesday 1 February. While employees are not required to tell their employers whether they intend to take action, members of the NEU at St Mary's have informed me that they will strike on 1 February and thus, the school will be partially closed.

Superkids and school clubs e.g Hockey and Irish Dancing clubs will remain open. Parents of children in the affected classes are therefore asked to make alternative arrangements for 1 February.

If your child's class is not affected by strike action, they are expected to attend school as normal.

The NEU has called for three further days on industrial action on Thursday 02 March 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023 and I will write to you nearer these dates to let you know if St Mary's is affected.

Attendance matters

RAB	97.5	RHH	94.6
1SW	98.3	1DS	93.0
2NG	95.0	2BY	93.6
3YL	94.4	3ES	95.8
4AC	97.1	4JB	94.1
5SR	93.3	5LM	98.8
6EW	95.5	6HW	95.9

5LM still has best attendance so far this term. Every day counts and it's vital that children attend school regularly.



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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Inspirational Person for next week - Anne Frank

On January 27th it is Holocaust Memorial Day and often on this day people write a letter to Anne Frank. Annelies Marie "Anne" Frank was a German-born Jewish girl who kept a diary in which she documented life in hiding under Nazi persecution during World War II. She is a celebrated diarist who described everyday life from her family hiding place in an Amsterdam attic. Anne kept a diary which he father's secretary found and kept safe after her family's hiding place was discovered. Only Anne's father survived World War II and when he returned to his home town his secretary gave him Anne's diary which was published in 1947 and has become one of the most famous diaries ever published and was written when she was just a teenager.

Faith in Action for young children aged 9 and Over

The Bromley Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry Team are delighted to be bringing Faith in Action, a National Awards Scheme, to a new hub based at Bishop Challoner School in Shortlands. We have presented Faith in Action to Years 5 & 6 at St Mary's with some of the children expressing a keen interest in getting involved. Parents and children are warmly invited to Launch Day which will enable you to learn more about the programme and meet the team, before selecting an award level and signing up. Please scan this QR code to watch the info video before registering for Launch Day on 11th Feb 11am Bishop Challoner School, 228 Bromley Road, Shortlands BR2 OBS. Please park off site and walk through the pedestrian gate - We look forward to greeting you then!

Faith in Action, brought to you by Bromley Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry, Southwark Archdiocese.

Bromley Deanery Faith in Action
2023 - Launch Day Registration



RE Update

RE Ambassadors

Recently Mrs Beirne invited the children to volunteer to be RE Ambassadors for their class. Being an RE Ambassador is an important job as they will help to spread the love of God around our St Mary's community and will endeavour to promote the Catholic ethos of our school.

For this year our KS2 RE Ambassadors are Emma, Henry, Martin, Genevieve, Eri, Anthony, Victoria, William, Jeanne, Hannah, Amara, Sophie-Jayne, Emilie, Roman, Noah and Emily. From KS1 we have Oliver, Ines, Sebbie, Saoirse, Sam, Edie, Angela and Nana. In our assembly on Monday the children were all presented with a small crucifix badge to wear.

Congratulations to our new RE Ambassadors!

Food Bank Collection

The Living Well foodbank in Penge is once again running very low on stock. The RE Ambassadors first project that they are working on is to organise a collection of food to replenish their stocks. We will be having this collection on **Friday 3rd February**. If you are able to donate some food then please bring it to school that morning. Some of the RE Ambassadors will be waiting to collect your donations at the bottom of the steps and they will deliver the food later that morning. Whilst the foodbank is grateful for all donations, at the moment they are particularly in need of:

- tinned pulses
- tinned tomatoes
- tinned meat
- tinned fish
- tinned vegetables
- long life milk
- pasta
- biscuits

We hope that you will be able to support the RE Ambassadors with this project.

Best wishes

Mrs Beirne

Next week at St Mary's	
Monday 30 January	CAFOD workshops 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 temporary change 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, Y1 & 2
Tuesday 31 January	Little City for Reception Faith in Action- Year 5 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 1 February	Industrial action 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 2 February	Boys' Football Match v Scotts Park (@St. Mary's) 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Science- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6
Friday 3 February	Year 2 Forest School Year 5 Mass Food collection for Living Well 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y2-6



PTA RACE NIGHT

The PTA are hosting St. Mary's Race night on Friday 10th March! Join us for a night that promises to be great fun - and who knows you may pick a winner! Adults only please - doors open at 7pm and the first race starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are now available on Parent Pay.

Keeping Children Safe: Discord

Discord is popular with gamers and has grown to a full social network with over 140 million active users. The website- Internet Matters- explains the following:

The platform is not suitable for young children
 The minimum age requirement is 13 years and up. However, Discord updated its age rating to 17+ at Apple's request. Their website states they want to "help ensure minors are not exposed to content inappropriate for them." Because users may share images on text channels or engage in voice chat, young users run the risk of exposure to inappropriate content or language.

Some Discord servers contain adult content and are labelled as only accessible to those over 18 years old. Anyone that opens the channel sees a warning message that lets them know that it might contain graphic content and asks them to confirm they are over 18.

Most conversations are private and allow live video and location tracking

The conversations in Discord are private to the group, so it's less open and visible than other social networks. Along with this, you can type, talk, listen and watch live videos of other users. There is also a 'Nearby' feature that allows you to add friends who have the location features on their device turned on that are physically nearby.



Well done!

Poppy earned her Music Blue Peter badge for her attempts at learning violin in Year 3 and for participating in the summer performance. Well done, Poppy!



All policies are available from the school on request.