



The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 18 28 January 2022

Dear Parents,

Fortunately, Covid cases among children have fallen significantly this week and it is good to have classrooms fill up once again. Mr

Ringwood and Mrs Woods are still unwell and we wish them a good recovery.

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 safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

Our Wednesday Word message

God loves each one of us equally and unconditionally. His love for us is unlimited and God is forever searching out people to whom he can show his love. If we are willing to turn to God, to accept and experience his love, the happier we become.

Attendance this half term

RAB	95.5	RES	94.8
1SW	96.2	1JB	96.6
2HH	97.7	2NG	96.8
3AW	98.9	3YL	97.1
4BY	96.5	4AC	95.5
5SR	98.3	5LM	97.0
6EW	97.9	6HW	97.5

Mobile facility for absence reporting

We are pleased to inform you that we now have an additional facility for reporting your child's absence. You are now able to send us a text on **07719 085 799**.

When you send a text, please provide the following:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- The reason for absence

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NUMBER IS FOR TEXTING ONLY.

If you wish to leave a telephone message, please use the school number 020 8650 2355 - Option 1.

Mr Bernard Murray RIP

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Woods' beloved father- Mr Bernard Murray- on Monday. Please keep Mrs Woods and her family in your prayers at this time. May he rest in peace.



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Breck Foundation workshops

Safer Internet Day is on the 8th February and the theme this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. In conjunction with this, Miss Boyce has arranged for a speaker from the Breck Foundation to come into school and speak with the children around this topic.

The Breck Foundation is a self-funded charity set up by Lorin LaFave, in memory of her son Breck who lost his life to an online groomer through a gaming relationship. Since then, Lorin has made numerous TV and radio appearances to raise awareness of online grooming and promote digital resilience. They use Breck's story to educate young people, teachers, support staff and parents about the risks of online grooming to empower young people to make better choices when interacting online, leading to safer outcomes. All the talks are tailored to the year group being presented to and are age appropriate.
<https://www.breckfoundation.org/>

Thank you to Miss Boyce for arranging these workshops.

On Twitter this week...

Year 1 yoga
Year 4 & 5 Lego club

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 28-30 January

As part of your child's homework this week, please take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch and register the number of birds you saw using the online link below.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

We hope to complete our own bird watch in school too! Enjoy!

Mrs Harrison

Entrance and exit from Monday

From Monday, there will be a change to the arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day. At present, everyone comes in through the pedestrian gate and exits through the car park gate. From next week, the car park gate will be closed and entrance and exit will be through the pedestrian gate only.

We have had to make this change due to ongoing complaints and the threat of further action from a neighbour who objects to our families walking outside his property.

We will trial it for a week and if it doesn't work, we shall revert.

Children's Mass at St Edmund's

Did you know that each Sunday at 9.30 am we have a Mass in the Hall for families with young children. This is a relaxed and friendly Mass which the families who attend seem to enjoy - they certainly come back to it, and we now have a lovely team of children to ring the bell and to carry the cross and to assist with the readings. New families are most welcome to come and join us.

COVID-19 update

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 until you are certain they do not have COVID.

In line with the reduced self-isolation approach which came into effect on 17 January, anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 5 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive a negative LFD results on day 6.

Here is the most recent DfE guidance:

Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance. Information on the new arrangements can be found in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

This illustrates how the isolation period is calculated.

Day 0: When you develop symptoms or have a positive test

Day 5: First lateral flow test

Day 6: Second lateral flow test. If both Day 5 & 6 are negative you can leave self-isolation - provided you do not have COVID symptoms at this point

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.



All policies are available from the school on request.



Next week at St Mary's

Monday 31 January	Children's Mental Health Week 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R-Y2
Tuesday 1 February	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 2 February	Parents' evening bookings open at 8pm 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 3 February	PTA meeting at 6.30pm in the studio 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm – 6.00pm: Spotlights R-Y2
Friday 4 February	Year 2 forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3