



# The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 28 29 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday's visit by Happy's Circus was a huge success and we had more than 500 children and parents here to enjoy the day.

Huge thanks to the PTA and Class Reps for organising the circus and refreshments and to everyone who came along to support St Mary's. All money raised will be spent directly on our children.

Enjoy the long 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 [safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk)*

## Next week at St Mary's

Monday 2 May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 May	<b>Westgate Road closed</b> Bromley Health Care - Height, Weight, and Vision  7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 4 May	Bromley Health Care - Height, Weight, and Vision 3AW to the Chocolate Museum  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 5 May	Reception to the Churchill theatre  Spotlights- Y1&2 -3.15pm- 4.45pm & 4.45-6.15pm:
Friday 6 May	Year 1 Forest school  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y1-6

## Class Masses

We will resume class Masses this term, with the dates as follows:

13 May	Year 1
20 May	Year 5
27 May	Year 4
1 July	Year 3
8 July	Year 2
15 July	Reception

Year 6 have their Leavers' Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

Masses are at 9am in the main hall and parents and grandparents are welcome to join us (you



don't have to be Catholic to attend).

Children choose the readings and hymns for the Mass and write their own bidding prayers. At communion, family members who are not Catholic are welcome to come for a blessing.

Masses are an act of worship and therefore, we don't record them or allow photographs. They are a beautiful St Mary's tradition and I hope that you will be able to join us.

## Early reading

Over 100 parents joined the presentation evenings on our new phonics and early reading scheme- Little Wandle- on Tuesday and Thursday; it was great to have so many of you there. Thank you to Mrs Woods for her work on it.

It has been a considerable investment (almost £13,000) and I am grateful to the PTA and supporters for the donation of £4000 towards the resources. Little Wandle has a proven track record and we are certain that it is a good fit for our children. We will keep you updated and we roll it out.

## Communications

Our school is a community and we are committed- staff, parents and governors- to working together in the best interests of our children. Open and honest communication is a key element of this partnership.

If you have any questions about what we do in school or are unhappy about any aspect of the way we work, there are a number of ways that this can be addressed.

Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact. Teachers are happy to talk with you about your child's learning, whether they need support with particular aspects of the curriculum and if there are any difficulties with friendships or wellbeing.

I am on the gate almost every morning and Mrs Durand who is SENCO and Deputy Head is outside too- either near the entrance or on Westgate Road. We are there to welcome the children into school but also for parents if you have a question or comment.

You can email the office with questions on

[admin@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryscp.co.uk) and they will be directed to the appropriate member of staff. If it is something confidential, you can use [safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk) and it will come directly to me.

If English is not your first language and it would help to have an interpreter, we can easily arrange this for you.

## Bromley Y mental health support

Accompanying the flyer, you will find information on Bromley Y workshops for parents which take place this term. They include the following:

- Emotionally-based school avoidance
- Helping children with anxiety
- Understanding and managing anxiety for young people

These are free of charge, online and are of high quality.

## Safeguarding- Group chats

With the Friday Flyer you will find an information leaflet from National Online Safety. It outlines what parents need to know about group chats in order to support children.

*Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place.*

*While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave people feeling excluded and bullied - as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.*

*In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members. National Online Safety*



## Westgate Road

The Residents' Association has planned a maintenance scrape of the road next Tuesday- 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The road will be closed to all traffic.

## Parkrun

One of our parents is the run director for junior parkrun at Beckenham Place Park this Sunday and would love to see some children there from St Mary's - it starts at 9am just behind the mansion house.

Junior parkrun is a free, timed, 2km run for 4 to 14 year olds. If you would like to volunteer to support the event please

email [beckenhamplacejuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:beckenhamplacejuniors@parkrun.com) or for more information go to <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/beckenhamplace-juniors/>.

## 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.*

