



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We recorded the KS2 Carol Service yesterday and it was simply beautiful. I am sure that our families will enjoy listening to it across the Christmas holiday.

Have a good weekend.

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming. This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed.

Attendance

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

RAB	93.0	RES	96.3
1SW	95.8	1JB	94.7
2HH	98.5	2NG	96.9
3AW	96.4	3YL	95.9
4BY	96.2	4AC	97.5
5SR	95.9	5LM	96.9
6EW	96.1	6HW	94.8

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.

Holiday activities and food programme

The Local Authority has a range of activities available through the Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this Winter 2021, including nutritious meals, free to all children that are eligible for free school meals.

Please book your child's space by visiting visit Bromley Council's website at [Bromley holiday activities and food programme](#) and choose the activities your child would like to take part in. Please book as soon as possible in order to get a space with the preferred activity, provider and location.

PTA news

5 tickets for this year's Panto of Sleeping Beauty in the Churchill, Bromley on Wednesday 15th December have become available for sale if anyone is interested. £20 each. Please contact the PTA for further details.



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Well done

Lochie in Reception took part in a 5k race at the weekend... and he finished the course! Well done, Lochie!



Irish dancing news

Our children did very well at the Irish Dancing Feis held by Walsh Irish Dancing Academy on Saturday, Nov 27th in Croydon. Some of the children had never competed in a competition before, or in front of a crowd. We are very proud of them! Thank you to Marian Togwell who organises the classes and annual Feis.



Superkids

I plan to meet with Jo and Matt from Superkids next week to explore ways to increase capacity within the club. There is a lengthy waiting list and I am as keen as you are to get back up to full numbers.

Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck
Forest school
Year 6 poster competition winners

Lego competition

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



Year 3 Mass postponed

Year 3 Mass will be rescheduled for after the Christmas holiday.

COVID-19 update

There were eleven new cases of Covid across the school this week, with children in Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 being affected.

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.

School Street

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.

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 6 December	Bags2School collection Mini Vinnies to St Edmund's 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I & 2
Tuesday 7 December	KS1 Green assembly Year 5 Victorian day Reception production at 1.50pm and 2.30pm 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 8 December	KS1 Christmas Production (1SW at 9.20am & 2HH at 11.00am) 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 9 December	KS1 Christmas Production (1JB at 9.20am & 2NG at 11.00am) 7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 10 December	Christmas Jumper Day for CAFOD Reception to the cinema 4BY 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.

