



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 15

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a happy and healthy Christmas which you were able to share with your loved ones.



As you are probably aware Mrs Vassallo has not been in school this week.

We were deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of her beloved father,

Owen Murphy,

on 30<sup>th</sup> December.

May he rest in peace.

Please keep Mr. Murphy, Mrs Vassallo, her sisters Ruth and Debbie, brother Damien, son Benjamin, all her nieces and nephews and all the Murphy family in your prayers at this sad time.

Mrs Vassallo will return to school on Monday.

Best wishes for a safe and restful weekend,

Mrs. Durand and all the 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)

### Our Wednesday Word message

*Filled with excitement, the people were wondering if John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John said to them, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Then, after the people had been baptised by John, Jesus himself was baptised. While Jesus was praying the sky opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son, and with you I am very pleased." Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **BAPTISM**.*

### Attendance

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

RAB	98.2%	RES	88%
1SW	93%	1JB	91.4%
2HH	93.3%	2NG	95.7%
3AW	96.3%	3YL	87.1%
4BY	91.2%	4AC	94.2%
5SR	99.5%	5LM	97.4%
6EW	91.3%	6HW	88.2%

**The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on the last day of term.**

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.



### 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.



Congratulations to Roma in RAB on becoming a big sister during the Christmas holidays. We are all looking forward to meeting baby Sienna very soon!

### MINI VINNIES COLLECTING OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please save your Christmas cards and bring to a Mini Vinnie in Year 5 who will be happy to take these cards.

They will be reused again in the community.

Thank you, Mrs. Harrison

One of our Reception Mums is setting up a new Parkrun

JUNIOR PARKRUN LAUNCHING IN BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

January 23rd 2022 at 9am

A free, weekly 2km run for 4-14 year olds and their families. Come along and join the fun!

Register for your free barcode here:  
[www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk)

We need volunteers to help run the event too so email [beckenhamplacejuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:beckenhamplacejuniors@parkrun.com) to help your local community and enjoy our beautiful park.

*All policies are available from the school on request.*



Congratulations to our Boys Football Team  
Winners of the Kent 7 Aside Final  
They will now represent Kent in South Eastern finals



Well done to Harry, Jacob, Lennie, Nacho, Ted, Jake, Ollie, Rafael, Ciaran, Louis and not forgetting our coach Mr Verga.

A great start to 2022 for Team St. Mary's

### COVID-19 update

With advice changing almost weekly it is difficult to keep up with the changes.

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.

The information below was taken from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) on 06/01/2022

*From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.*

*This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.*

*Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test - these rules have not changed.*

If there are any further changes to how schools manage cases Mrs. Vassallo will update you next week.

