



# The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 6 8 October 2021

Dear Parents

We could not have crammed much more into today- it's been hectic!

As always, you responded generously to our appeal for the local food bank and volunteers took car-loads of donations to Living Well. Thank you!

We had October devotions at 8.30am and were delighted to have so many children and families join us in a decade of the Rosary.

Harvest Mass was simply wonderful. The children sang their hearts out and so many parents came to support us that some had to sit in the garden. It was Reception's first time at Mass and they were great!

Year 4 parents' Macmillan Coffee Morning was a success and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

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

### Our Wednesday Word message

*A happy heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. Jesus shows us how to be happy. We don't have to search around for happiness: it comes from within. When we listen to Jesus and follow his ways, we are filled with happiness!*



### Attendance

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

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| RAB | 95.3 | RES | 96.1 |
| 1SW | 95.7 | 1JB | 97.2 |
| 2HH | 94.6 | 2NG | 96.6 |
| 3AW | 98.9 | 3YL | 96.5 |
| 4BY | 98.2 | 4AC | 96.6 |
| 5SR | 98.8 | 5LM | 97.2 |
| 6EW | 95.3 | 6HW | 95.4 |

***The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on 15 October. Best class for attendance so far: 3AW!***

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.



### Zariah's new baby sister

Zariah became a big sister for the first time at the weekend. We are so happy for her and her family!

### Girls' football news

On Thursday our Girls' Football team took part in their district competition. They played 3 games and only conceded one goal! Unfortunately it wasn't enough to go through but they were fantastic St Mary's representatives. Well done to Leah, Milena, Rose, Dani, Rosie, Ciara, Elizabeth, Amy, Niamh and Joanna.



### Boys' football news

On Tuesday our Boys' Football Team competed in their district competition against many other Bromley schools. They were exceptional! The boys won every single group game, conceding only one goal, and then defeated Highfield in the final. They are now through to the next stage of the competition which takes place on Thursday 14th October. Well done to Finn, Rafael, Jacob, Nacho, Jake, Lenny, Louis and Harri. Thank you also to Mr Verga for coaching.  
Mr Wentworth



### Twitter

It's been busy on Twitter this week @StMarysBeck!

HelloYellow Mental Health Day

4AC's hockey lesson

Football news

Year 4 science lessons

Reception having a great time and being astronauts

4BY's Thursday Thought assembly

2HH doing 5 A Day fitness

Team Year 4 at Race for Life

### Year 4 Race for Life

Team St Mary's completed the race for life on Sunday. With a total of 28 runners we had such an amazing group and the sun shone for us the whole time. Collectively we ran 140 kilometres and so far have raised nearly £4,000 (including matched fundraising & gift aid). If anyone else would like to donate, please sponsor one of the team here: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-marys-group>

Pictures attached for attention!

Thanks everyone! With love from Year 4!



### 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.

## PTA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER SHOP

This year, along with trying to do our bit for the environment, and raise some much needed funds for our PTA, we are looking to have a preloved Christmas Jumper/top sale...

So to help us with this event we are looking for donations of any unwanted Christmas jumpers / t-shirts, no top will be too big or too small, we are looking for all sizes, ranging from tiny tots to adults.

*Please remember all donations must be clean and in good condition.*

Please leave your donations in the 2nd hand uniform bin which will be located just outside the office (under the shelter bit) or hand to someone in the PTA. We are collecting from now until 5th November and will aim to have the sale prior to the 20th November after school...

All in time for you to wear your new top at this year's School's Christmas fair which is being held on **Sat 20th Nov.**

### 2022 CALENDARS

As you may know we had our photo shoot last week for our school calendar. And I must say with all the props that you managed to gather, they will be some lovely pictures of the kids along with their classmates this year and we just can't wait to see the end result.

This year we have decided to put the calendars on pre order so that we can ensure that everyone who wants a calendar is not left disappointed like some families were last year.

So from **Monday 4th October**, you can preorder your calendar on Parent Pay and not be the person who is left disappointed.

We will look to **close the preorders by the end of October** so we can finalise the numbers to send to print, and have them back on time to distribute by end of November.

| Next week at St Mary's |   |
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| Monday 11 October      | Hindusim week<br><b>5SR swimming lessons all week</b><br><br>3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I & 2   |
| Tuesday 12 October     | 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2   |
| Wednesday 13 October   | Open morning for prospective parents at 10.30am<br>Hewitts uniform sale after school in the amphitheatre<br><br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6<br>4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3<br>3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6 |
| Thursday 14 October    | 7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6<br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2   |
| Friday 15 October      | 8.35am: October Devotions<br>Young Shakespeare day<br><br>3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6<br>4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3<br><br>Close at 3.15pm for half term   |

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

### COVID-19 guidance

#### 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.

Summer/Autumn 2021

**BROMLEY Y**  
Building Strengths

**Webinar for Parents & Carers**  
**Helping Children with Fears and Worries**

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Consider ways to build confidence at this challenging and uncertain time

Find out about strategies to help your child explore and manage worries

Learn more about local services and online options for further support

Each webinar lasts for 90 mins and is delivered online via Microsoft Teams, facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners.

**Primary Webinars**

Tues 10th Aug @ 10.30am  
Sat 11th Sept @ 10.30am  
Thurs 14th Oct @ 1.00pm  
Sat 15th Nov @ 10.30am  
Wed 8th Dec @ 1.00pm

**Secondary Webinars**

Tues 3rd Aug @ 10.30am  
Sat 4th Sept @ 10.30am  
Wed 6th Oct @ 1.00pm  
Sat 6th Nov @ 10.30am  
Thurs 2nd Dec @ 1.00pm

Places can be booked on the Bromley Y Eventbrite Page.

