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WEEK BEGINNING 18th JULY

Tuesday 19th July

Guitar assembly at 3.30pm. Parents are invited to see what their children have learned in guitar lessons this year.

Wednesday 20th July

Y6 Leaver's Mass – 2pm at Christchurch
Parents and other family members are invited to attend.

Walkabout for parents and children to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom – 3.15pm

Thursday 21st July

Last day of term – 2pm finish.

Friday 22nd July

Inset Day

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is a wonderful time to be in school in the last couple of weeks of term. Students feel proud of all that they have achieved over the last academic year and we know that they are looking forward to their summer break.

This week was the school production of 'The Heart of St Mary's' for the Y6 and Y5 students. The students performed amazingly and we are so proud of all of them. This will be a moment that they will remember for years to come.

I am pleased to write to you with results of the SATS tests that Y6 students complete at the end of each academic year.

- **Reading:**

93% reached the expected standard (vs national 74%)

38% reached greater depth (national unavailable)

- **Writing**

92% reached the expected standard (vs national: 69%)

23% reached greater depth (national unavailable)

- **Maths:**

95% reached the expected standard (vs national 71%)

57% reached greater depth (national unavailable)

- **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**

95% reached the expected standard (vs national 72%)

66% reached greater depth (national unavailable)

- **Combined reading, writing & maths**

90% reached the expected standard (vs 59% national)

13 % reached greater depth (national unavailable)

Given that the current Y6 cohort have had significant time out of school due to Covid restrictions, we are so proud that our children performed significantly above national in all areas and retained their high achievement. This is large part due to the hard work of the students and the high quality teaching that they have received over their time at school. This year St Mary's writing scores were moderated so our teachers know that our writing assessment is accurate. Congratulations to all our students.

Careers Day:

Today St Mary's hosted their first ever careers day – it was an amazing success. We had a huge variety of speakers including from the pharmaceutical industry; front line services; music industry, architects – and many more. The children asked some challenging questions including – 'How do I ask for a payrise?'. Thank you to Miss Dineen for organising!

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd September

Children return to school in full uniform - 8.55am

Stay and Play for the new Reception children.

8.55am – 10am

OR

11am – 12.15pm

Parents have been notified of their specific time slot.

Monday 5th September

The new Reception and Nursery children start school on a staggered basis. Times and dates have been emailed to all parents but if you have any questions, please contact the main office.

From Monday 12th September

After school clubs will resume this week

Y6 PRODUCTION
THE HEART OF ST MARY'S

Congratulations to Y6. It was a wonderfully uplifting production and I am sure everyone left each performance with a feeling of happiness!

All of the children performed so well. It is incredible to watch these children singing and acting in such a mature way. There are some budding stars in our midst!

Well done to Y5 for assisting by singing the songs so beautifully. It gave them an idea of what will be expected of them next year.

Thank you so much to all the staff who supported behind the scenes, by helping with the supervision and costumes. One of our past pupils, Kitty Collins, came on site to coordinate the dance routines so many thanks to her.

Miss Collins and Mrs Williams encouraged and supported their Y6 classes and it came together perfectly in the end. Many thanks to Mrs McGarry, our Music coordinator, who ensured that the highest standard of music was produced.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Oliver Marnham, 5L, has received the Chief Scout's Silver Award and Emily Marnham, 2F, received the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, both for commitment to their groups in The Royal 8th Royal Eltham Scout Club. These awards are the highest accolade a beaver and scout can achieve.



Sienna Barnes, RB, took part in the **Flying High** ballet performance at the Mick Jagger centre.



Well done to all the children for their achievements!

REPORTS

You should have all received the end of year reports today. If anyone would like to discuss any specific point, please phone the main office to make an appointment of speak to the class teacher.

However, you do not have to arrange a meeting if there are no points to discuss and you are happy with the report.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR Y6 FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM

Due to the extreme heat conditions forecast for next week, the visit to The Almhouses has been cancelled.

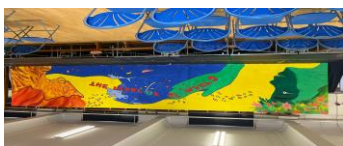
Wednesday 20th – 2pm - Y6 Leaver's Mass at Christchurch. All family members welcome to attend this special service.

Thursday 21st – Y6 children will be presented with a special gift from the PA so they will take it home with them when school finishes at 2pm.

FOR THE MEMORIES..... Y6 PRODUCTION DVD/DOWNLOAD

The DVD of the Y6 production is now available to purchase for £10. Please click on the link below to buy. You can order as many copies as you wish. Please order before **Sunday 17th July**.

A downloaded version will also be available (£8) next week. Details will be sent to parents when this is ready.



CHANGE TO THE WAY PARENTS PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents will have received an email earlier this week to tell them about the changes to the way parents can purchase school uniform.

St Mary's has partnered with **JK Clothing, 148 Well Hall Road, London SE9 6SN** who will stock all of our uniform from **Monday 25th July**. It will no longer be available from the school office.

Uniform can be bought online or in store:

<https://www.jkclothing.net/>

In line with the [Cost of School Uniform Guidance](#), we have ensured that our new supplier stocks uniform that is affordable for all families.

Furthermore, we have identified only certain items that need to be branded (with the St Mary's logo) to keep costs down. There are generic items in our uniform that can be purchased at any store should parents wish to compare costs.

Parents in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals should contact the main office to speak to Mrs Jeffrey regarding school uniform.

To support families, we will continue to ensure that second-hand uniforms are available which helps reduce waste and brings down emissions from manufacturing new garments, while making it cost-effective for families.

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Monday 18th July from 2.30pm so please come along to see what is on sale. There is some new and very good quality items for sale.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs have now finished for this academic year. Renewal letters with details will be sent to parents as soon as they are ready. Please look out for these and make sure you book on time if you wish your child to be enrolled into a club.

AllKidsCan, who run the breakfast and after school wraparound care, will run the breakfast club on Thursday morning but will not be on site on Thursday afternoon.

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

Please click on the following link to see the various free and funded Summer clubs for children over the Summer holiday.

[Holiday Food and Fun Summer 2022 | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](#)

If you are interested, please contact the individual clubs for availability.

ESAFETY

The summer holidays are full of opportunities. It is uplifting for children and young people to have a change from the restrictions of their normal weekly timetable – and with the whole holiday to enjoy, there is lots of time to fill. Of course, the challenge for parents and carers is to find activities that are not only educational but will prove popular with young people! Aside from video games and surfing the internet, there are plenty of edtech (educational technology) avenues for digitally savvy children to explore.

Please see the attached list of ideas for sports fans, artists, explorers, avid readers and much more from National Online Safety.

SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE