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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am so proud of the children for their maturity and resilience today during the whole school evacuation. If we were planning to hold this event, then we wouldn't have planned it on one of the hottest days of the year, but after consultation with the senior leadership team, we decided that it was important to go ahead with today's practise as in an emergency, we wouldn't be able to choose when it happened.

During lunchtime we provided extra facilities for shade and encouraged children to stay inside to minimise their exposure to the sun. We ensured that all children had plenty to drink before and after the event. I am pleased to report that the evacuation was a real success because of the hard work of the children and the staff in challenging conditions. Thank you to Eltham Church of England School for having us on their premises.

This week has been very busy with the Skipathon and Father's Day Events – both very successful! I would like to wish all families a happy day on Sunday.

Mrs Bryson from St Thomas More Comprehensive also came down to St Mary's to talk to all the Year Six students about what life would be like at secondary school.

Please ensure that you all take precautions in the hot weather this weekend.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 20th JUNE

Tuesday 21st June

KS1 Musical Performance – 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd June

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Friday 24th June

TFL on site to talk to the Y6 children

Saturday 25th June

PA Event – Summer Fayre
12 noon – 4pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28th June

Y4 Educational River Trip

Wednesday 29th June

Feast of St Peter & St Paul
Reception classes visit Greenwich Observatory

Friday 1st July

French Day

Wednesday 6th July

Nursery Sports Day
PA Meeting – 7pm

Friday 8th July

Sports Day in Eltham Park South

Wednesday 13th/Thursday 14th July

Y6 Production

Friday 15th July

Career Day for Y5/Y6
Reception Learning Showcase Assembly
2.30pm

Saturday 16th July

Y6 Leaver's Party

Thursday 21st July

Last day of term

PA NEWS

Saturday 25th June – Annual Summer Fayre – 12noon – 4pm.

We are all looking forward to the Summer Fayre next Saturday, 25th June. The gates will open at midday and tickets are available to purchase on the gate (adults £2, children £1) There will be lots to do for the whole family to enjoy, including, maypole dancing, chamber choir singing, inflatables, hot and cold food, sweet treats, sports activities provided by TKR Sports and Welling United FC and a live solo singer.

Many thanks for all your donations so far but these items are still required:

Bottles are needed for the bottle stall. It does not matter what the contents are but the more we have for the stall, the better your chance is of winning something special.

The **Money Tree Envelopes** have already been sent home in the children's bookbags today. Encourage your children to decorate the envelope and send it back to the main office with three coins of your choice inside. This is voluntary so only participate if you are able.

The **Cake Stall** will welcome all types of cake donations. The homemade cakes and buns go down a treat with a cup of tea but shop cakes will also be welcomed. Please state if your cake is gluten free or contains nuts, as it is important that the customer is aware. Shop cakes can be left at the main office any time next week but anything homemade will have to wait until the day before the Fayre (Friday 24th June) or can be handed straight to the stall on the Saturday morning.

Many volunteers are still needed to help set up before the event and clear up afterwards as well as helping out during the day. Please give your name to the PA if you can spare just one half hour to work on one of the stalls. If lots of parents are able to volunteer for short periods of time, it lessens the load for the few.

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Wednesday 6th July – The PA are holding a meeting with food and drinks to say goodbye to the Y6 parents who have been part of the PA for many years. Everyone is welcome and if you have not been to a meeting before, this is a good time to introduce yourself. As one lot of parents leave, we need the new parents to take their places.

Saturday 16th July – Y6 Leaver's Party with a Hawaiian theme

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Lois Jeffrey, 6M, came second in the Trampoline County Cup Final.

Very well done Lois!



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY CHILDREN IN KS1

The children in Reception classes, Y1 and Y2 are performing a Musical Extravaganza at 2.30pm on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June in the Gym Hall. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

Tickets were put in the children's bookbags today – two tickets per child, one for the performance on Tuesday and one for Wednesday.

We ask that younger siblings do not attend as they can distract the children on stage. This is the first time for many of the children to perform in front of a full hall so they need lots of support.

CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in years 5 & 6 on Friday 15th July. If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please let the office staff know.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information

Y6 PRODUCTION

The Y6 children are busy practicing for their performance, *The Heart of St Mary's*, which will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July. Please ensure that your Y6 child has brought their costume to school ready for rehearsals.

Parents and carers will receive their tickets in the children's bookbags next week.

BE PREPARED FOR HOT WEATHER

As we can see from the weather today, it is getting warmer so please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate sun cream that will last all day. School hats are available to purchase from the main office. The children are allowed to drink plenty of water throughout the day so remind them to always keep hydrated.

ESAFETY – SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

What Parents Need to Know about Twitch

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch.

It is a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more.

Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art.

Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos. As with any platform that encourages young people to interact with others, please ensure you exercise parental control.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/ RECONCILIATION 2022-2023 AT CHRISTCHURCH

There is a meeting on Monday 27th June at 7pm in Christchurch to discuss the First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation 2022-2023 programme.

If your child is currently in Y2 (starting Y3 in September), or in Y4 and above and you would like them to participate on this course, please ensure you attend this meeting.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at Christchurch Eltham
elthamcommunion@rcaos.org.uk

Should any parents need to contact Fr John over the coming weeks please note that he is on holiday until Thursday 23rd June.

SKIPATHON IN AID OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

The children really enjoyed skipping their heart out on Wednesday in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Skipping is an old sport that sometimes gets forgotten about but it is enjoyable and can be done anywhere without costing much money. It is a great way to keep fit and good for the brain!

There was an amazing £1140 raised so we are very proud of the support the children raised. Many thanks to Mrs White and the school council for encouraging everyone to take part and to all those who contributed.



BRITISH NUTRITION FOUNDATION HEALTHY EATING WEEK 2022 – FIND YOUR HEALTHIER YOU!

BNF Healthy Eating Week 2022 is running this week and the big message is to eat well for you and the planet. The foundation wants everyone to reflect on their lifestyles and look to make improvements to enhance their health and wellbeing.

Each day of the week has a different focus:

- Monday: Focus on fibre - for meals and snacks
- Tuesday: Get at least 5 A DAY - put plenty on your plate
- Wednesday: Vary your protein - be more creative
- Thursday: Stay hydrated - fill up from the tap
- Friday: Reduce food waste - know your portions

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