

Weekly Newsletter  
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

A sporty Headteachers message this week!

#### Athletics:

Mr Sims accompanied the athletics team to Shooters Hill Sixth Form College on Friday afternoon to participate in the Greenwich Indoor Athletics Team. The children performed amazingly and won almost every event. They were well prepared, thanks to the weeks of support by Mr MacGrath. We are awaiting the final overall results to see if they have qualified for the London Youth Games Final. Thank you to Miss Kohl who supported the team also.



#### World Cup:

Many of you will know that the Men's Football World Cup is starting this weekend. We have been requested by several students to watch the England Vs Iran game on Monday at 1pm so we feel on this special occasion that the children should be able to watch it while they get on with their work.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher



WEEK BEGINNING 21st NOVEMBER

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

World Cup begins for the England team!

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Y3 Class Mass

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Anglo Saxon Art Workshop

Y6 World War 2 Art Workshop

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

First Day of Advent

#### CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Dristan Benjamin, 2E, was awarded Best Beaver on camp for listening and helping on their winter camp night with his beaver group, The 8<sup>th</sup> Royal Eltham Beavers.

Well done to Dristan!



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## CLASS NEWS

### Year 2 – Baking Soda Bread

Y2 children made some AMAZING soda bread this week. Their design brief was to make a loaf of bread fit for King Charles 11. This fits in with our history topic on The Great Fire of London, which started in Thomas Farynor's bakery in Pudding Lane.

The recipe is attached for parents and children who may want to make the bread at home.



### Year 3 – Stone Age Day

The Y3 children have had a wonderful day finding out facts about the Stone Age era. The children hunted deer and learnt how we have evolved over thousands of years. Many thanks for all the parent contributions.



### Year 6 – Coping with Challenges Workshop

On Monday, The British Red Cross ran a workshop for Y6 about “Coping with Challenges”. During the session, the children took part in independent activities, group work and had a chance for group discussions. It was a great opportunity for the children to enhance their personal skills of like coping with challenges and problem solving!

## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS/END OF TERM EVENTS

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

The first day of Advent

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>/Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Fr John on site blessing crib figures

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

PA Event – Wreath Making

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

PA selling preloved Christmas Jumpers

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery Christmas Performance

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December**

Infant Nativity 1.30pm

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day

Children's Christmas Panto

Creative Stars End of Term Performance

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Musical Instrumental Concert – 3.30pm

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Gymnastics End of Term Show

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Junior Carol Concert at Christchurch

Nursery and Infant Christmas Parties

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Gymnastics End of Term Show

Y3/Y4 Children at St George's Cathedral

singing Christmas Carols

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Junior Christmas Parties

Last Day of Term

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We were all delighted to see how brilliantly everyone engaged with the theme “Reach Out” during anti-bullying week. The children looked wonderful in their odd socks on Monday and really understood the power of celebrating and embracing our differences in this simple way.

This year's theme focused our attention on how we can support one another when friendship problems arise or feelings are hurt. During the week, the children were made aware about bullying is and how it can cause distress and hurt. It is always important to reach out, show friendship, compassion, and care to one another, in school, at home, in the community or online.

For more information about Anti Bullying Week, please visit the following website:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please note that, instead of all the children writing Christmas cards to each other the children make one Christmas card to give to their class. This card can be handmade or shop bought – your child can choose. This will benefit both our environment and help families financially in the current climate.

The cards will on display in the classrooms for everyone to enjoy.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

In light of the cost of living crisis, members of the School Council thought it prudent to donate the Christmas shoeboxes to a local charity. The Sisters of Mercy work very closely with the charity, Whispers of Hope, which helps women and children who have survived domestic abuse. These children will be delighted to receive some gifts for Christmas.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children have been given the proofs to take home. Photos can be ordered online and they will then be delivered to the school. We will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

Photos make a cherished Christmas gift so ensure you order promptly.

## APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION

If your child is in Nursery, you will need to apply for a place in Reception to start in September 2023. The deadline to submit your application is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Parents/carers will need to complete a St Mary's supplementary form; filled in and signed by your priest, and returned to the main office. They also need to apply to their local authority; details of this application form can be located online.

## PA NEWS

The Parent's Association has some exciting events coming up before Christmas!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Wreath Making. This popular festive annual event will take place in the gym hall. Tickets can be purchased by following the link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspa/798687>

The tickets cost £25 and this will include all the materials need to make a wreath with a glass of mulled wine/prosecco and a mince pie! Be quick as this event sells out quickly.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Preloved Christmas Jumper Day. The PA are holding a preloved Christmas jumper sale on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you, or if you know anyone who has Christmas jumpers they no longer require, please bring them to the main office. Christmas jumper day will take place in school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Event at Eltham Football Club. The PA are collaborating with Eltham Town FC to run a Christmas event for the families at St Mary's. Please keep the date free as there are lots of fun activities planned for families. More information to follow.

**Christmas Raffle** – Please look out for more information. There are some great prizes to be won so once the PA have finalised the prizes they will send details of how to purchase tickets.

## A MINDFUL MOMENT

### *Sing for Joy*

*Singing provides a wonderful happiness boost and it is a great stress reliever – it is hard to sing and feel stressed at the same time! It is also good for your health as it releases “feel good” endorphins and the deep breathing required increases oxygen levels in the blood. Another positive aspect of singing is that it improves posture and tones your tummy. Singing in a choir or singing group is even more rewarding as it is a great way to make friends and have fun at the same time.*

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that the after school clubs will finish for this term the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December, except gymnastics whose final classes will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for information about rebooking clubs for the new term in January.

Emails will come from Mrs Jeffrey in the main office.

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