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#### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today we mark the end of our Spring term. It has been a busy time at school so a well-deserved rest is needed, for the children and staff. We will return for the Summer term on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The Diversity and Inclusion Group met this week for their termly meeting. It was productive as we discussed the upcoming Stephen Lawrence Day and we heard from another school about their Diversity and Inclusive group. It is always interesting to speak to other schools and hear their views.

Fr John was on site this week to celebrate the Easter services with the children.

We must continue to remember the people of Ukraine in our prayers and pray for a peaceful resolution in their country.

Please say this "Prayer for Refugees" with your family.

***Dear Lord, as the snowdrops and daffodils start to bloom we welcome the first signs of Spring and the hope for better things. We pray that the poor, the homeless and the refugees may share in this hope and in the realisation of their dreams. We pray for the peace needed for their long term resettlement.***

I wish everyone a happy Easter and a restful break.

Kind regards  
Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

#### WEEK BEGINNING 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

##### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school in full Summer uniform

##### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Stephen Lawrence Day

##### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

St George's Day

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Stephen Lawrence Day

##### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

SATs week begins

##### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Pyjamarama Day

##### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

PA Event – Dad's football match in Eltham Park South

##### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Y5 Educational Trip – Greenwich Planetarium

##### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Jubilee Day

Last day of the half term

## EASTER SERVICES AT CHRISTCHURCH

Please read the Christchurch newsletter for up to date information about the Easter services.

[https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/docs/newsletters/Newsletter\\_2022\\_04\\_03.pdf](https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/docs/newsletters/Newsletter_2022_04_03.pdf).

If Christchurch is not your parish church, please take note of your parish Mass times.

### LENTEEN PRAYER FROM FR JOHN

*Dearest Lord,*

*I hope to be more observant of your grace. May you look upon my soul and may my sins erase.*

*May I know of sacrifice and cherish all you bless and act with courage to assist others who have less.*

*Prepare my soul for joy to come and cleanse me of all sin. I will wear my faith and do my best to nurture it within.*

*With a humble heart, I hope to be your faithful servant for all to see.*

## PARENT'S EVENING

Parents of SEND children can book their time slots on Wisepay for their meetings with Mrs Lopez. Please ensure you book so you can have an informative meeting with Mrs Lopez.

The meetings are taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm – 5pm.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for information about the clubs restarting after Easter. Mrs Jeffrey from the main office has sent enrolment letters to parents so look out for them. The clubs are very popular so if you wish to enrol your child please be quick!

Parents should enrol their children at the beginning of every term, with payment, to secure their child's place. This includes all clubs, even if your child has attended previously.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jacob Rozwod, 1C, is very proud to receive his badge for swimming 5 metres independently.



Beatrice Brewster, 1C, has achieved level 4 in her swimming class.



Very well done to the children!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council had an important visitor at their meeting this week – our Chair of Governors, Mr Gary Farrelly! He really enjoyed listening to the suggestions the children were making and he is looking forward to seeing them in operation.

Thank you Mrs White for organising!



## FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends performed in a play this week called "**The Real Easter Story**". The Sisters from the Convent and all the Infant children came to watch. Mrs Kingdon has been rehearsing with the Faith Friends over the last few weeks and the children performed beautifully. Thank you Mrs Kingdon!



## EASTER EGG HUNT

The children were delighted to see the Easter bunny paying a visit to St Mary's! They had a good hunt for eggs so I hope everyone was happy! Please look at Twitter for some additional photos. Many thanks to the PA for organising!



## LENTEN BOXES

Please remember your Catholic Children's Society Lenten boxes. Encourage your child to put a few pennies from their pocket money in the box each week. The boxes can be returned to school after Easter.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN MESSAGE FROM THE NSPCC

Starting a Difficult Chat:

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it is important to think about where and how to talk, so children will listen.

1. There is no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is **where and when you are going to start it**. For example, if you start in the evening when they are tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.
2. If you are talking to just one child about something, consider how **private** the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters are not around to interrupt.
3. It could be good to have it in a **relaxed and neutral place**, like on a walk or in the car.

You could also ask other parents you know how they have created the right situation to talk about difficult topics in the past and see if it would work for you too.

## MUSIC NEWS

Mrs McGarry is pleased to announce that she is starting up a school orchestra after the Easter holiday for children in Y4 – Y6. This is open to all children in these year groups who play an instrument. An email has been sent to parents so please refer to it for more information.

We also welcome our new violin teacher, who starts on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. If your child has been having violin lessons, please ensure they have their instrument with them on the first day of their lesson.

## PA NEWS

The Parent's Association is currently compiling articles for the annual magazine. The Easter break is a good time to encourage your child to put something together.

They would like children to submit some poems, pictures, interesting photos, sporting or other talent achievements, a description of an interesting holiday or a piece of writing about something they are grateful for. This could be about a person, pet or thing that has helped them; somebody or something that your child is very thankful for.

All photos should be in JPEG format.

Entries should be sent to [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com) by Sunday 1st May

Forthcoming dates:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Dad's football match in Eltham Park South

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day gift sale

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Annual Summer Fayre

## MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP AT CHRISTCHURCH

The Mother and Toddler group at Christchurch is up and running, each Monday morning between 9.30am – 11am. If you have a younger child please go along to meet other parents and children.

There is a small cost involved - £2 per family with an extra 50p for each additional adult.

The children can have a play with children their own age and enjoy craftwork, roll play, stories and singing.

Fruit, biscuits, tea, coffee, water and juice are all served.

**END OF TERM AWARDS  
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT**

<b>Class A</b>	Noah, Osayamen
<b>Class B</b>	Albert, Valentina
<b>Class C</b>	Joel, Anna Z
<b>Class D</b>	Zion, Elisa
<b>Class E</b>	Anton, Margot
<b>Class F</b>	Alexander, Abigail
<b>Class G</b>	Jacob, Amelia
<b>Class H</b>	Alvin, Lulu
<b>Class I</b>	Kealan, Betty
<b>Class J</b>	Jasmina, Julian
<b>Class K</b>	Carlo, Rosa
<b>Class L</b>	Alfie, Mya
<b>Class M</b>	Ethan, Kieran
<b>Class N</b>	Danny, Summer

**END OF TERM AWARDS  
CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES**

<b>Class A</b>	Zachary, Verity
<b>Class B</b>	Brendan, Keziah
<b>Class C</b>	Eliot, Aya
<b>Class D</b>	Max, Isabella
<b>Class E</b>	Jacob, Rosanna
<b>Class F</b>	Philip, Henry
<b>Class G</b>	Finn, Emma-Rose
<b>Class H</b>	Mitch, Holly
<b>Class I</b>	Max, Misha
<b>Class J</b>	Chris, Grace
<b>Class K</b>	Isaac, Rosie
<b>Class L</b>	Miles, Tolu
<b>Class M</b>	Wisdom, Amanda
<b>Class N</b>	Teddy, Michaela

**END OF TERM AWARDS  
PSHE**

<b>Class A</b>	Anointing
<b>Class B</b>	Freddie
<b>Class C</b>	Samuel
<b>Class D</b>	Zealand
<b>Class E</b>	Orla
<b>Class F</b>	Archie
<b>Class G</b>	Maja
<b>Class H</b>	Luke
<b>Class I</b>	Ella
<b>Class J</b>	Oliver G
<b>Class K</b>	Ivonna
<b>Class L</b>	Sophia
<b>Class M</b>	George
<b>Class N</b>	Manu

**ATTENDANCE**

The teachers would like to bring parents attention to attendance. It is so important that children attend school every day but it is also understandable that children get sick and need to take time off to recover.

Well done to class 5K for achieving the highest attendance to date – 98%. Let us hope the Easter break, with some decent Spring weather, will give everyone the rest they need. The children will come back to school full of energy and vigour!

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Attendance**

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
94%	96%	96%	96%	95%	97%	97%	97%	96%	97%	98%	96%	96%	96%