

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week we are trying something different for the Headteacher's message.

Please click the link below for the video message!

Any feedback would be welcome.

<https://jwp.io/s/6ogqDo4u>

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 27th FEBRUARY

Tuesday 28th

Y2-Stations of the Cross-Christchurch

Wednesday 1st

Jewish visitor on site to talk to the children about Judaism.

St David's Day. Wishing our Welsh families a happy day.

Thursday 2nd

Y5 Stations of the Cross-Christchurch
Reception Class B - Spring Walk to Eltham Park South
World Book Day

Friday 3rd

Reception Class A - Spring Walk to Eltham Park South
Photographer on site to take class photos

FAITH FRIENDS

Today the Faith Friends shared the story of Jesus' forty days in the desert and how He would like us to try hard at keeping out Lenten promises.

Christ Jesus, give us strength as we try to make the right choices and live as you ask us to. Guide us so that we may also offer support to those who are finding things tough. Amen



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Today in Class A, Lottie Meyer and Vincent Varju, led Collective Worship by making their own prayer table, choosing the music and sharing the story of Jesus in the desert.

They also gave each child in the class a cross, to help remember the promises they made for Lent.



RE NEWS

Some of the Y4 children attended a special Episcopal Ordination Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, this week.

The Rt. Rev. Philip Moger was ordained as the new Bishop of Southwark and the children felt very honoured to be part of the choir that sung at the Mass.

The Archbishop has remarked that he thought the music was the Archdiocese at its very best, "in all its beauty, diversity and talent" and this is down to the children's commitment and virtuosity.

Bishop Moger was delighted to receive an invite to the Easter Services at St Mary's and has accepted the invitation! Look out for more information about this.

LENT APPEALS

Members of the school council have agreed to support two very important charities during Lent – the Catholic Children's Society and St Vincent de Paul. Both of these charities have directly helped families at St Mary's.

Junior children were given collection boxes for the Catholic Children's Society to bring home. They are encouraged to give a small amount of their pocket money towards the charity. Boxes can be returned to school after Easter.

We will be organising an own clothes day to raise money for St Vincent de Paul – date to be confirmed.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, children will receive a book token in their bookbag next week.

The voucher is worth £1, to be redeemed against a book of their choice. These tokens are valid for a few weeks so take your child to choose a book from any of the shops named on the token.

Encourage your child to read every day. Reading is so important for vocabulary and knowledge. It helps children in all subjects, not just English.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property bin is overflowing! Please come to take a look to see if your child's missing uniform is there. All unclaimed items will go in the next preloved sale.

Ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled so your child knows what belongs to them. It is important for the children to look after their uniform carefully and to realise the value of it.

We will be holding a preloved uniform sale very soon. The children will return to school after the Easter holiday in Summer uniform so make sure you take a look at the items for sale.

ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

Some parents will already have seen this news, but the St Mary's Athletics Team came second at The London Youth Games in Carshalton on Friday 10th February. This is an excellent achievement. The team has qualified as one of the top twelve teams in London and will compete in the finals in five weeks.

Thanks to Mr McGrath for all the preparation and encouragement, which makes a huge difference.

Many thanks to the all the parents for their support and to those who were able to accompany us on the day.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our annual school magazine is always a brilliant showcase of all the children's work and achievements! We would like parents and carers to please send us their children's photos, artwork and poems so they can all be included in the magazine. We would also love to hear about any sporting activities or even holiday highlights that you would like to share.

The magazine will be printed in the Summer term and will go on sale at the Summer Fair. Please include your child's name, class and some details with all content.

Items can be emailed to smarismagazine2023@gmail.com or alternatively if it is easier, you can leave items with the main office staff.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 12th April. Thank you for your support.