

Weekly Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It was very uplifting to see so many parents and carers attend the Infant Singing Spectacular this week. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

I am pleased to announce the class teachers for next year – see the table below.

I would like to welcome Mr Williams and Mrs Evans who will be joining our staff team in September.

Current Class	Current Teacher	New Class	New Teacher
N/A	N/A	Nursery	Miss Dennis
N/A	N/A	Class A	Mrs Shallice and Mrs Otley
N/A	N/A	Class B	Miss Brophy
Class B	Miss Brophy	Class C	Miss Collins
Class A	Miss Dennis	Class D	Mrs Piechota
Class D	Mrs Piechota	Class E	Mrs Bone
Class C	Mrs Holmes / Mrs Harkin	Class F	Mrs Hansen and Mrs White
Class F	Mrs Hansen and Mrs White	Class G	Mrs Whitewood
Class E	Mrs Bone	Class H	Mrs Turpin
Class H	Mrs Turpin	Class I	Mrs Holmes and Mrs Evans
Class G	Mrs Whitewood	Class J	Mrs Woodhouse
Class J	Mrs Woodhouse	Class K	Mr Williams
Class I	Miss Baker	Class L	Miss Dineen
Class K	Miss Gannon	Class M	Miss Gannon
Class L	Miss Dineen	Class N	Mrs Williams

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 25th JUNE

Saturday 25th June

PA Event – Summer Fayre
12 noon – 4pm

Tuesday 28th June

Y4 Educational River Trip

Wednesday 29th June

Feast of St Peter & St Paul. Whole school Mass at Christchurch
First Holy Communion children have a special celebration at school

Reception - Educational Trip to Greenwich Observatory

Friday 1st July

French Day. Children can come to school dressed in the colours of the French flag

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th July

Nursery Sports Day
PA Meeting – 7pm

Thursday 7th July

Chamber Choir Concert – 3.45pm-4.30pm

Friday 8th July

Sports Day in Eltham Park South
Infants – 9.30am-11.30am
Juniors – 1pm – 3pm
Family members are invited to come along to support their children.

Wednesday 13th/Thursday 14th July

Y6 Production (1.30pm & 6pm on each day)

Friday 15th July

Career Day for Y6
Reception Learning Showcase Assembly
2.30pm

Tuesday 19th July

Y6 children visit The Almshouses

Wednesday 20th July

Y6 leaver's Mass

Saturday 16th July

Y6 Leaver's Party

Thursday 21st July

Last day of term – 2pm finish.

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PA NEWS

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

We are all looking forward to the Summer Fayre tomorrow. 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.

Bottles - Thank you for your donations so far. We will always accept more, which can be dropped directly at the stall tomorrow. Bottles of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

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 are also welcome. Please state if your cake is gluten free or contains nuts, as it is important that the customer is aware. All baked goods can be handed straight to the cake stall on Saturday.

Many thanks for your contributions to the **Money Tree**. I hope you are lucky!

There will be various stalls selling a variety of goods so have a good look around.

If you can spare any plastic bags please bring them along as they are always needed to take home any purchases made. Even better, bring your own shopping bag as we like to encourage recycling.

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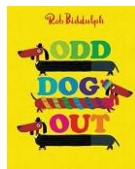
Wednesday 6th July – The PA are holding a meeting with food and drinks to say goodbye to the Y6 parents who have been part of the PA for many years. Everyone is welcome and if you have not been to a meeting before, this is a good time to introduce yourself. As one lot of parents leave, we need the new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

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

EVERYONE CAN SPARKLE

Next week in PSHE, the children will be taking part in discussions and activities to mark RSE Day, which takes place on Thursday 30th June. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Differences: Everyone Can Sparkle!'

The children will think about how we should all be proud and unafraid to be who we are. SCARF, our PSHE partner, have chosen Rob Biddulph's story "Odd Dog Out" as a brilliant starting point for discussion and inspiration. We hope the children will enjoy sharing their sparkle with their friends and teachers!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Jago Jennings, RA, is doing very well at his swimming lessons and has progressed to the next level!



Annabel Corrigan, 5L, took part in an Irish Dancing Feis and won a cup!



Olivia Ivashkevitch, 6N, won 1st place in an Irish Dancing Feis and has qualified for the Championship!



Very well done to all the children!

STAFF VACANCY IN SELCAT

We are currently recruiting for a **FINANCE OPERATIONS LEAD** to join the Central Services team.

Full details of this position can be found via the website www.selcat.org.uk or by emailing enquiries@selcat.org.uk

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.

Y2 LIFE LONG AGO WORKSHOP

The children in Y2 enjoyed a wonderful workshop today on "Life Long Ago". They explored life in dinosaur times and became palaeontologists for the morning!



LIBRARY RENOVATION

The school library is currently having a makeover! Many thanks to Miss Collins for co-ordinating the works and to the many parents who have been helping out. One of our parents, Mr Hooper (from Tate Joinery), father of Rory Hooper in Y2, made and installed some shelves which put the finishing touches on an already marvellous looking room!

Look out for pictures when the job is fully completed.

FRENCH DAY – FRIDAY 1ST JULY

Next Friday, 1st July, we will celebrate French Day at St Mary's. This is our annual event, where we celebrate our love for France and its culture. Children are encouraged to dress up in blue, white and red to celebrate our close relationship with our friends across La Manche.

Understanding and respecting other cultures is central to our values at St Mary's so we look forward to learning more about different aspects of France this Friday.

THANK YOU FROM SR SUSAN

Sr Susan from The Convent of Mercy celebrated her Golden Jubilee recently. The children made special cards and presented Sr Susan with flowers, from the children and staff at St Mary's. The Faith Friends, led by Mrs Kingdon, performed in a very meaningful drama based on The Parable of the Great Banquet.



INFANT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came along to see the Infants perform this week. The children did brilliantly, considering it was the first time these children were on a stage in front of a live audience!



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

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