

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Blackheath Rugby who provided a coach for our Y6 rugby team on Monday at Well Hall on Monday. The children learnt many new skills including 'the banana' tactic, watching hips when defending and when to slow down / speed up in the game.

I am looking forward to meeting some children in Y3 and Y4 at the Blackheath First team game tomorrow, when they will be playing on the pitch.

Today all children watched a magic show by Megan Swan, the first female president of the Magic Circle. The show wowed the children with her illusions and they took home some key environmental messages also.

Thank you, Megan!

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 27th
NOVEMBER

Saturday 25th

Y3/Y4 Children play at Blackheath Rugby Club. 2pm meet

Sunday 26th

Chamber Choir Singing at Christchurch Christmas Fair (10.30am)

Monday 27th

Height and Weight Nurses on site for YR and Y6.

Wednesday 28th

Samba Concert for Y6 parents – 3.30pm

Thursday 30th

Sparkle in the Park at Avery Hill Park Chamber Choir singing and Y5 Children taking part in Drumming and Lantern Parade.

St Andrew's Day. We wish all our Scottish friends a happy day

Friday 1st December

PA Event – Wreath Making

Sunday 3rd

The Season of Advent Begins.

PHONIC WORKSHOP

Many thanks to the parents who were able to come to the phonics workshop this week. For those parents who were unable to join us, please look out for the presentation, which will be emailed to parents.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS/
END OF TERM EVENTS



Sunday 26th November

Christchurch Christmas Fair.
Chamber Choir singing 10.30am

Wednesday 29th November

Y6 Samba Concert 3.15pm

Thursday 30th November

Sparkle in the Park. Choir singing
(approx. 5pm) and Y5 drumming
(approx. 4.15pm).

Friday 1st December

Wreath Making – PA Event
Preloved Christmas Jumper sale

Sunday 3rd December

The season of Advent begins

Monday 4th December

Instrumental Concert (not guitars).
3.30pm

Monday 4th/Tuesday 5th

The Blessing of the Cribs. Fr John on
site

**Wednesday 6th/Thursday 7th
December**

Infant Nativity 1.30pm

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Y6 Carol Singing at Alms Houses

Tuesday 12th December

Guitar Concert 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th December

Nursery Christmas Show

Friday 15th December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December

Junior Carol Concert. 2pm. Christchurch

Thursday 21st December

Last Day of Term. 2pm Finish

LITERACY



*This week Mrs Shallice and Evelyn
Shallice recommend.....*

October October

Ages 9-12

October lives with her Dad in the woods and is wild and free. On her 11th birthday, her Dad falls from a tree and he has to spend months in hospital recovering. October has to live in London with her Mother and is very distressed, but learns that she can be wild and free in London too.

MUSIC NEWS

Members of the Chamber Choir are singing at the Christchurch Christmas Fair on Sunday 26th November at 10.30am. Children are required to wear their school uniform as well as a Christmas accessory, if they wish.

On Thursday 30th November, the choir will perform at Sparkle in the Park in Avery Hill Park (approx. 5pm). As with the Christchurch Christmas Fair, the children are required to wear their school uniform with a Christmas accessory.

Children in Y5 have been rehearsing for their Christmas Lantern and Drumming Parade at Sparkle in the Park (approx. 4.15pm). A company called Taru Arts are coming on site holding drumming and lantern making workshops for the Y5 children.

We will confirm timings with parents as soon as the organisers have confirmed with us. Please look out for this information.

Y6 Samba Concert – 3.15pm on Wednesday 29th November. Parents and other family members are invited to this performance.

INFANT NATIVITY

The staff and children are practicing very hard for their special performance, **Our School Nativity**. You may have heard them singing the songs!

The performances will take place at 1.30pm on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December.

Tickets will be available to collect from the main office from **Monday 27th November**. Please contact the office staff if you cannot come to the office and they will help. Two tickets are allowed per family. When you collect, you can specify which day you prefer.

Tickets that are not required can be returned to the main office so that the office staff can offer out as extras. If this is the case, these tickets will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

The performance will be recorded so parents will be able to purchase a download. More details will follow after the recording.

The Nursery children will perform a special Christmas concert on Wednesday 13th December. Parents and other family members are invited to come and see their children in the gym hall.

Nursery AM – 9.30am
Nursery PM – 2.30pm
Nursery All Day – Parents can come to either performance. Parents will not need tickets for this performance.

Mrs Kingdon would like to thank all the parents for helping put the stage up this week.

PA NEWS

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 1st December – Wreath Making. The PA are really looking forward to this event. Tickets have now sold out! The time slots are 1.30pm-3pm and 6.30pm-8pm. To all those that are going, enjoy!



Friday 1st December – Preloved Christmas Jumper Day. The PA are holding a preloved Christmas jumper sale at 3pm. 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 8th December, in aid of Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

Christmas Raffle - The PA are appealing for more donations of raffle prizes. Many thanks to all the people who are already donated but if you know a person or business that would donate a service or prize, please inform the PA. If parents have any unwanted gifts/bottles wine/chocolates please bring them to the main office for the PA. All proceeds will go to the school to benefit all children.

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends prepared a beautiful prayer time today to teach the Infant children about peace. They wrote their own prayers, showed a clay model of a dove, shared bible readings about peace and helped the Infants write prayers for peace on doves they made themselves.

“Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid’”



MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH

If you attend Christchurch and would like Fr John to sign your school form (nursery or reception) see additional times below. Booking is not essential.

Date	Time
6 January	9am – 11.30am
12 January	3.30pm – 5pm
13 January	10am – 11.30am
27 January	10am – 11.30am
10 February	10am – 11.30am
17 February	9am – 10.30am

Date for your diary:

Sunday 26th November – Christchurch Christmas Fayre 10am – 1pm.

Please come along if you can. The organisers would like to see lots of St Mary's families there to support. Have a look at the various stalls and enjoy listening to the Chamber Choir singing Christmas carols.