

Weekly Newsletter  
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

Year Six are eagerly looking forward to their Residential Journey down to Kingswood in Kent next week. This is trip where they will create memories that will last a lifetime! This week's newsletter is very full so please read carefully.

#### Parent Parking

Please can parents be considerate when picking up and dropping of children outside the school gates. The school frequently receives complaints from neighbours and parents complaining about inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

The school is fortunate to be situated on a residential road that has lots of free parking at drop off / pick up times. We know that many parents live within walking distance so would encourage them to walk / scooter / cycle to school – this has obvious environmental and health benefits. If driving is a necessity, then it is imperative that cars are parked safely and with consideration.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Phipps and Mr Sims



WEEK BEGINNING 30th JANUARY

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Y4 Reconciliation in Christchurch

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Teacher's Strike Action

St Bridget's Feast Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Y3, Y4 & Y5 at St Thomas More

Comprehensive to see their School  
Production – School of Rock

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Y2 Victorian Day

Y6 Return from Kingswood

#### Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Kingswood next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at 10am so all Y6 children must be on site at 9.30am to make last minute checks. The children are welcome to arrive at 8.55am, especially if there are younger siblings in the family.

Please take your children to the gym hall with their luggage and medical bags. If your child is taking extra medication, please see Mrs Williams on Monday morning. Information has been sent to parents so please refer to the letters and emails. Please ensure your child has adequate clothing. The weather forecast is looking good but please ensure you pack wisely.

A daily email update will be sent from the main office to parents so please look out for them.

The children will return to St Mary's on Friday 3rd February. We will inform parents of timings but we estimate a 3pm arrival at St Mary's.

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## VICTORIAN DAY

The children in Y2 have a special day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for Victorian Day. Visiting Victorian style teachers will visit St Mary's and teach the children for the day. This gives the children a flavour of the school life of a Victorian child.

Children are encouraged to dress up in Victorian clothes on that day. Please do not go to great expense. With a little imagination, you can create a suitable costume with clothes your child already has in their wardrobe. We have some spare Victorian outfits in the office so please contact us if you wish to borrow one.

To cover the cost of this day parents are asked to make a contribution of £4.65. Payment can be made on Wisepay. Please contact the main office should payment be a concern.

## FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends led a reflective liturgy today around this Sunday's Gospel, reading Matthew 5: 1-12a. Jesus taught his disciples about the kind of person that makes him happy and blessed.

The children helped us to reflect on how we help someone who is sad, hungry, thirsty or poor.

Please discuss this at home with your children.

*The Beatitudes:*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.*

*Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.*

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

*Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**This week.....**

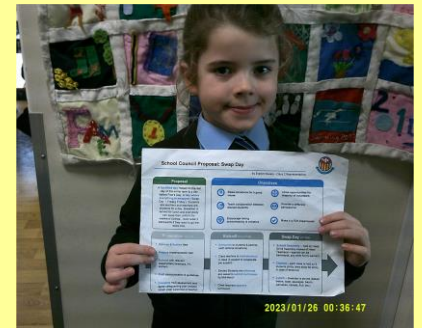
Fionn Doyle, 1C, recently received his yellow belt in karate (8Kyu).

Daisy Hill, 6M, is progressing to gymnastics master class in her gymnastics academy and will now train towards competition standard.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to Evelyn Kovacs, 1C, who, with the help of her family, put together a suggestion for the school council. Evelyn thought in detail about her idea and delivered it confidently at the school council meeting this week.



## ASSEMBLIES

Lilah Cork and Daisy Hill, 6M, led the Infant and Junior assemblies this week and did a fantastic job!

Well done to the girls.



## Y4 MAYA DAY

The Y4 children really enjoyed their Mayan visitors on Wednesday. They were full of enthusiasm and brought the subject to life for the children. The children and staff re-enacted the story of the Maya creation – the adults were the gods and the children the first animals, mountains, trees and oceans.

Thanks to Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Evans for organising the day and to all the parents who supported their children by sending them to school in such creative costumes.



## Y5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO HALL PLACE

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, the children from Y5 visited Hall Place where they learned about the life cycles, behaviour and habitats of butterflies, moths and owls. Children had lots of fun, including handling owls under the wonderful supervision of Matthew and the team from Jambs Owls. The staff from Jambs Owls gave some lovely feedback about the children. They said, *“they were an absolute credit to your teaching staff and school, they were engaging, interested and an absolute pleasure to teach as well as highly respectful to our owls and us.”*

Well done to Y5 children for representing St Mary's so well and a big thank you to all the parents who supported us on the trip.



## PA NEWS

The PA would like to inform parents that they are having a meeting on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm** in the dining hall. Please put the date in your diary. They welcome all parents to attend and are looking forward to organising the events for this year.

### NATIVITY DVD

If you would like a copy of the Nativity DVD please see the office staff as there are still some DVDs left. Payment can be made on Wisepay (£10).

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