

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK BEGINNING 6th JUNE

Monday 6th June

Staff Training Day. Children will not attend school on this day.

Tuesday 7th June

Children return to school after the half term break.

Maths Week (7th – 10th June)

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Firstly, many thanks to Edward and Grace, our Head Boy and Girl, who represented St Mary's in the Children's Parliament with other schools from all across the country; they debated and voted on a range of interesting topics. I have asked them to present to the rest of the school about their experience and report back to parents and carers also.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us today for our Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day. It was wonderful to have so you all on site and I hope that many of you went away with a cake or two!

The children performed well in the sunshine and it was great to have the orchestra out there; this is an area that we are really developing this year. Research tells us that children who play music and sing do better overall academically, so we really encourage our pupils to participate in music.

I hope that you all have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th June.

Have a great holiday.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost Sunday

Wednesday 15th June

Nursery closed on this day for the current Nursery children

Meeting for the new parents of children who will join St Mary's in September 2022.

Thursday 16th June

Skipathon in aid of British Heart Foundation

Friday 17th June

PA Event – Father's Day gift sale

Friday 24th June

Y6 Junior Citizen Event

Saturday 25th June

PA Event – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 28th June

Y4 Educational River Trip

Wednesday 29th June

Feast of St Peter & St Paul

Reception classes visit Greenwich Observatory

Friday 1st July

French Day

Friday 8th July

Sports Day

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

QUEEN'S JUBILEE DAY

What an amazing day we have had today! The Queen would have loved to have been part of the St Mary's celebrations! Children and staff made a huge effort to dress in different outfits and the imagination was flowing.

The quality of cakes in St Mary's Bake Off was truly brilliant. So much effort went into baking that reflected the theme of the day.

The judges had a difficult job deciding who would get the Show Stopper and Star Baker awards but the decision was made and the following children won certificates:

Phase	Show Stopper	Star Baker
Nursery and Reception	Evelyn Kovac	Lily Maskell Gibson
Year One and Two	Ella Schelfhout	Myles Otley
Year Three and Four	Bethany Roberts	Leonardo Manuell Cabrera
Year Five and Six	Cameron Bruce	Augustine Shehi

Well done to all the children who went to great effort baking and creating.

The performance this afternoon was very uplifting and put a smile on everyone's face. Thank you to all who attended. Well done to the children and the orchestra. Thank you to Mrs McGarry and Mr Wilks for supporting the orchestra.

Many thanks to Miss Dineen for coordinating the days events with the help of the PA and the School Council.



MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN AT CHRISTCHURCH

Fr John at Christchurch would like to welcome all parishioners back to Church **in person** for Pentecost (Sunday 5th June 2022). Although many people have benefitted during the pandemic from the live streaming of Mass, Archbishop John Wilson says that "virtual viewing **of Mass online will no longer fulfil the Sunday Obligation**". Following this announcement from Southwark Diocese, Fr John will resume monitoring the attendance of Sunday Masses especially for the children and their families who would like to apply for a catholic school (e.g. nursery, primary, secondary). Sunday Masses at Christchurch are at the following times: Saturday 6pm (vigil), Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am and 6.30pm. For more information about the parish, please refer to the Parish website:

<https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk>

Prayer for Pentecost

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,***

Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Poppy Salter, 4l, successfully completed 75 metres in her swimming class and got a badge!



Well done to Poppy

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends performed a Biblical drama this week for the Sisters of Mercy. The play was called "**Let's Have a Party**" and was based on **The Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke chapter 14)**.

The play honoured Sr Susan, who recently celebrated fifty years since becoming a Sister of Mercy! What a momentous achievement! She celebrated by having a large get together with family and friends.

Sr Susan was presented with flowers and a special booklet that the children had made for her.

Many thanks to Mrs Kingdon for leading the Faith Friends.



ESAFETY – SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

What Parents Need to Know about The Dark Web

The Dark Web Explained, created by the National Crime Agency in collaboration with the Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation, contains a short informational film and accompanying factsheets for professionals as well as parents and carers.

This resource has been developed in response to recommendations from professionals and from research which found that many professionals, parents and carers do not understand the Dark Web and feel unequipped to talk to a young person about it should the need arise.

It aims to support professionals, parents and carers to understand the Dark Web, young people's use of it and how to discuss issues around it with young people who are using it.

The resource features a short film, which provides key information on:

- What the Dark Web is;
- Why young people might want to go on it;
- What to do if a young person has accessed it

To supplement the film, there are two factsheets, one for parents and carers and the other for professionals, to provide further information and guidance.

[Watch the video and download the factsheet](#)

PA NEWS

The PA are busy planning for the forthcoming events so they would like parents to save the following dates:

Friday 17th June – Father's Day gift sale. Gifts from 50p - £3.

Saturday 25th June – Annual Summer Fayre. The PA are currently collecting teddies and soft toys so if you can donate some spares please do.

The bottle stall requires bottles! If you are able, please bring a bottle of 'something' to the main office. It can be anything from a bottle of washing up liquid to a bottle of gin! You decide and be inventive! All bottles must be unopened and in date.

Many helpers will be needed on the day so please email the PA to offer your services. There will be many stalls operating so many volunteers will be required. Do not feel you have to commit to the whole afternoon – every half hour of help will be beneficial.

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Wednesday 6th July – The PA are holding a meeting with food and drinks to say goodbye to the year 6 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.

CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in years 5 & 6 before the end of the year. If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please let the office staff know.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are currently recruiting for a talented individual to take the role of Finance Operations Manager, working as part of our Central Services team based at the Trust's offices.

Please visit <https://www.selcat.org.uk/95/current-vacancies> for further details about this exciting opportunity.

ATTENDANCE

THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2021 – FRIDAY 27th MAY 2022

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

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END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Erin, Helen
Class B	Lionel, Erin
Class C	Teddy, Anna
Class D	Okiki, Stella
Class E	Kevin, Isla
Class F	Archie, Titi
Class G	Luke, Grace
Class H	Rio, Emmett
Class I	Reggie, Hettie
Class J	Mia, Rafe
Class K	Nicolas, Eleni
Class L	Barney, Annabel
Class M	Cameron, Jessica
Class N	Tobias, Ciara

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES

Class A	Chibunna, Verity
Class B	Delano, Annie
Class C	Marcus, Maeve
Class D	Sebastiao, Jacob
Class E	Lukas, Rebecca
Class F	Christos, Lissie
Class G	Ralph, Sicily
Class H	Olivia, Sophie
Class I	Zachary, Harriet
Class J	Beatrice, Oliver
Class K	Augustine, Vittoria
Class L	Simon, Betty
Class M	Edward, Lyra
Class N	Ronnie, Betsy

END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

Class A	Sienna
Class B	Alexandria
Class C	Jacob
Class D	Cora
Class E	Francesco
Class F	Albie
Class G	Abbie
Class H	Betsy
Class I	Ruby
Class J	Remi
Class K	Jameson
Class L	Miles
Class M	Amber
Class N	Freddie

SPONSORED SKIPATHON IN AID OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

The school council have organised a Sponsored Skipping Challenge on Wednesday 15th June, in aid of The British Heart Foundation. This skipping challenge will allow our children to take part in a physical activity that is fun, rewarding and healthy for the heart.

As well as skipping, we hope to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Our school has been given new skipping ropes, worth £100, which the children can use at playtimes after the event.

Each child will have a sponsorship form in their bookbag today. Children are not obliged to raised sponsorship money to take part. All donations are voluntary so please only give what your family can afford.

It states on the form that money can be donated online, but we would prefer to collect the money raised so we are aware of the total amount collected.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Christchurch welcomes another group of children making their First Holy Communion on Sunday.

We hope you have a wonderful celebration.

First Holy Communion and 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/children are currently in Year 2 (starting Year 3 in September), or in Year 4 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 elthamcommunion@rcaos.org.uk

VISITOR TO CLASS B

The children in Reception Class B had a wonderful morning with Officer Morant, who showed them his medal from the Queen for his dedicated work as a police officer. The children all had a close look at this special medal along with his police helmet for the children to try on.

Many thanks to Mr Morant for giving up his time.

