

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://cdn.iwplayer.com/previews/bczmNUil>

Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

First Holy Communion in Christchurch

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Teachers Strike Action

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Chamber Choir Concert at Blackheath Halls

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Coronation Activities

Y3 Folk Dance Performance

### FAITH FRIENDS LITURGY

Today, Jesus tells us that he has come so that we may have life in all its fullness. But what does it mean to live life to the full? This is what the Faith Friends discussed today with the younger children during their liturgy meeting.

Living life to the full means being the best person that we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use all our gifts and talents for the good of all.

*God of life in all its fullness, be with us as we try to be the best people we can be. Inspire us to help one another to use the gifts and talents you have given us, so the world may be a better place, reflecting the glory of your Kingdom. Amen*



### TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION

Please refer to the table below outlining the teaching schedule for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY – NOT IN SCHOOL</b>	
Nursery	Class J – Y4
Reception A	Class K – Y5
Reception B	Class L – Y5
Class C – Y1	Class M – Y6
Class D – Y1	Class N – Y6

All other children should attend school as normal (Y2, Y3 and Y4 Class I)

After school clubs will be taking place so if your child is enrolled in a club, they are welcome to return to school, at 3.30pm, to attend the club.

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

## MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

May is a very special month as it marks the month of Our Lady. She is especially important to us at her school, St Mary's.

Our Faith Friends would like to invite parents, with their children, to join them saying the Rosary every Friday during May, at 8.30am in the gym hall. To pray as a community, led by wonderful children, is a privilege.

Maybe make a May altar at home with your children. A few flowers around a picture or statue of Mary would be a lovely way to honour Our Lady.

Take pictures of your home altar and email them to us and we will upload them to the school Twitter account and share them with our families.

The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St Mary's, so please save the date.

## Y3 FOLK DANCING

The Y3 children are currently taking part in an international folk dancing project, organised by a company called Two Left Feet. A dance teacher has been coming on site to run the workshops for the children, who are learning traditional dances from France, Russia and Israel.

The project is intergenerational, which offers the children the opportunity to perform with a group of over 60s in a live performance on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in Mycenae House, Blackheath.

Details of the performance has been emailed to the parents of children that can participate.

Many thanks for your support. This is a great opportunity for the children.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This is an important part of the year for our families many of the children are receiving their First Holy Communion. We know that the children will look very smart in their First Communion outfits and have attended First Communion classes to prepare them. We must all help them understand the significance of this very important day.

When the children receive the Sacrament for the first time, they are accepting the body and blood of Jesus. Communion means, simply, 'togetherness' and this shows that the children are together with God. Over the next few weeks, we know that many of you will be attending First Holy Communion and we wish all our families a happy time together.

## Y6 SATS

The Y6 children are preparing for their SATs, which begin on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

All Y6 parents should have received an email from the Y6 teachers with information about these forthcoming tests.

The children are well prepared so please support the school by ensuring your children have plenty of sleep and feel relaxed.

Y2 children will also be taking tests during the month of May.

## CHAMBER CHOIR

Mrs McGarry is looking forward to the Chamber Choir's performance, *Singing Spectacular 2023*, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, in Blackheath Halls. The concert will begin at 7pm and will finish at approx. 8.30pm. Tickets are available to purchase through the Blackheath website.

<https://www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/book/?bookevent=1849>

There is a rehearsal on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.40am. Mrs McGarry will accompany the children to it. They will travel to Blackheath by train from Eltham.

**We require some parent volunteers to assist so if you can help, please contact the main office. Relevant checks will have to be completed.**

## PA NEWS

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fair (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June).

If you or anyone you know would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact the PA (details below).

Please look out for more information about this event from the PA.



## INFORMATION FROM ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

The latest issue of the Young Greenwich newsletter is now available, and it's full of exciting updates and inspiring stories. Please take a moment to read by following the link below.

<https://www.young-greenwich.org.uk/news/17c47b4f-9f9b-4acc-8aa9-fa6c6a7e83f4/young-greenwich-newsletter-issue-2-april-2023>