

Weekly Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

I was so pleased to travel down to Kingswood to accompany the Y6 school residential for two out of their four nights.

The children's attitude and behaviour was excellent as they attempted new challenges in an outdoor setting. It was a privilege to be see our students conquer their fears, try new things and eat so well! We are so proud of them.

Without the commitment and dedication of our school staff, the trip would be unable to go ahead. Please join me in thanking: Mrs Pita, Miss Gannon, Mrs Williams, Mrs Thornton and Mrs Everett who spent a week away from their own families in order for the children to experience a lifelong memory.

Please ensure you have seen all the pictures, which have been uploaded to Twitter.

Have a nice weekend

Miss Phipps and Mr Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 6th FEBRUARY

Monday 6th

Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 9th

Y2 Victorian Day

Friday 10th

Y5/Y6 Athletics Tournament

Reception Superhero Day

E-Safety Day

Re-educating Earthlings visit KS2

Last Day of this Half Term

APPLICATIONS TO NURSERY

If you are applying to Nursery for your child, to start in September 2023, please ensure you hand your application to the main office before Friday 10th February.

The application forms are available to download from our website and you can also come to the office to collect them.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/Admissions/_Nursery_Supplementary_Form_2023-2024.pdf

Children born between September 2019 and August 2020 are eligible to apply. Forms need to be completed, signed by your priest and returned to us with your child's baptism cert and a proof of your address.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone and speak to the office staff.

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VICTORIAN DAY

The children in Y2 will now celebrate their Victorian Day on Thursday 9th February. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the original day could not go ahead but the children are now looking forward to next Thursday when 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 would like one.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week next week is "Let's Connect".

"Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health"

During the week, the children will focus on the importance of connecting with others in a healthy, rewarding and meaningful way. I have attached some information for parents. Please take a look.

More information is also available on:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

E-SAFETY DAY

Safer Internet Day takes place on Friday 10th February with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

The focus in school will be the importance of safe and responsible but positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The aim is to put young people's voices at the heart of the day and encourage them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

MESSAGE FROM ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

Free packed lunches for children during half-term holiday

Any child in Royal Greenwich can get a free lunch this half-term as the Council's holiday meal scheme returns to libraries and leisure centres.

Grab a healthy, nutritious packed lunch throughout the week, with no forms or fuss. Just turn up and tuck in!

Serving times vary so check our website for details.

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holiday-meals

FAITH FRIENDS

This week, the Faith Friends shared the story Matthew 5:13-16 during their liturgy for the infant children.

Jesus tells us if we do what is right and good, others will see that we believe and will praise God. We should be an example to others, like a light shining to show the way.

Show your child how to be like a shining light this week.



MINDFUL MOMENT

*Be happy for this moment
This moment is your life*

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