

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Please click the link below for the Headteacher's video message this week!

<https://jwp.io/s/tAQ6a4oE>

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Y3-Stations of the Cross-Christchurch  
Y6 Trip to Parliament

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Y4-Stations of the Cross-Christchurch

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Kingswood Assembly 2.30pm

### FAITH FRIENDS LITURGY

Today the Faith Friends talked about something very special that happened to Jesus while he was on a mountain with three of his friends. Jesus' appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun. This also changed the lives of his friends as they realised that Jesus was the Son of God.

The children discussed how we can change peoples' lives through our actions.

*God of love, help us to be like your Son, and make a real difference to the lives of our global family.*

*Amen*



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## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Children in our Nursery say their special Nursery Prayer twice every day, morning and afternoon. One of the children leads the prayer each time by choosing what they want to put on the altar, setting up the altar themselves and then leading the class in prayer. This week, Alice Morris (NAD) set up two different altars, one for the morning prayer and one for the afternoon prayer.



## CLASS PHOTOS

The photographer was on site today taking the class photos. As soon as the proofs are returned to us, we will send them home to parents. Details about ordering the photos will be included.

The traditional combined Y6 photo was not taken today so the photographer will return on Friday 17th March. This photo is a great memento for the children when they leave St Mary's.

A reminder email will be sent to Y6 parents to ensure full school uniform is worn and a good hairstyle on that day!

## ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In line with World Book Day this week, Royal Borough Greenwich has launched the **500 Word Short Story Competition**. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words and preferably typed, on the theme of **IMAGINATION**.

After the success St Mary's had in the Royal Borough Greenwich Poetry Competition, we are excited to see lots of entries and imaginative writing!

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please include your full name and class.

## PARENT'S EVENING

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>/WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
MARCH

Parents' evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March. Parents will be able to book their times on Wisepay from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please choose a time that suits you. If you have more than one teacher to see, please ensure that you leave enough time between meetings.

Miss Donnelly, Y3 class H, is unable to see her parents on these dates so she will see parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March instead.

Children will finish school at 3pm on both days and every child must be collected at 3pm, even if you have an early appointment. Parents should wait in the usual place to collect their children. The slightly earlier finish gives the teachers time to prepare for the meetings. Children who normally walk home on their own should be collected as they are not allowed to leave the school premises unaccompanied before 3.15pm.

**After school clubs will not be running on either day.**

Allkids can, our wraparound care provider, will run as normal.

Mrs Lopez, SENCO, will inform parents of her meetings when dates have been confirmed.

## SEN NEWS

Mrs Lopez will be having a coffee morning on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 9am -10am for parents of children with SEND. This will take place in the dining hall.

Specialists from the ASD Outreach services will share their expertise with parents and answer any queries parents may have.

Come along if you can. It is a good opportunity to catch up with other parents and see the specialists who work with your children.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

At lunchtime today, children from Y5/Y6 participated in playing board games organised and run by the school council. The children enjoyed this event and look forward to the next time. Well done to the school council members for coming up with such great ideas and to Mrs White for leading the children.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Y3/Y4 children will be able to participate and on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, children in Infants will join in.



## CHAMBER CHOIR

The Chamber Choir is taking part in a competition on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Buller's Wood School for girls. The competition is part of Bromley Music Festival and St Mary's Chamber Choir will sing against other primary schools.

Emails have been sent to the choir members about the event and the songs the children will be singing so please contact us if you have not received any communication.

Parents will be able to come along to support – details to follow.

## Y6 KINGSWOOD ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10TH MARCH – 2.30PM

Y6 parents are invited to a special assembly, in the gym hall, to celebrate the children's residential trip to Kingswood. Parents will be able to see pictures and videos of their children and see what an amazing time they had there.

Many challenges were overcome so parents will walk away feeling very proud of their children.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our annual school magazine is always a brilliant showcase of all the children's work and achievements! We would like parents and carers to please send us their children's photos, artwork and poems so they can all be included in the magazine. We would also love to hear about any sporting activities or even holiday highlights that you would like to share.

The magazine will be printed in the Summer term and will go on sale at the Summer Fair. Please include your child's name, class and some details with all content.

Items can be emailed to [stmarysmagazine2023@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmagazine2023@gmail.com) or alternatively if it is easier, you can leave items with the main office staff.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 12th April. Thank you for your support.

## PA NEWS

Date for your diary!

The PA are holding a Mother's Day Gift Sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's. Children will be able to bring some money to school that day, in a sealed envelope/wallet so it doesn't get lost, and choose a special gift for their mum/grandmother/special aunt.

Gift items will range from 50p - £4.

There is an abundance of stock so any unsold items will be available to buy after school on that day.

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