

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 6th MAY

Sunday 5th May

First Holy Communion at Christchurch.
We wish all the children a very special day.

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

Wednesday 8th May

Chamber Choir singing at Singing Spectacular in Blackheath Halls.

Friday 10th May

Rosary – 8.30am. Gym hall
EYFS/KS1 Drama Workshops
Y5 Litter Picking in Eltham Park.
Class L 10.45am – 11.30am
Class K 1.15pm – 2.30pm

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to parents for supporting our uniform policy. We are proud of our uniform; the children look smart and feel proud wearing it. I realise the weather is changeable right now but as you can read in our policy, the uniform states that the girls wear white socks, the boys grey socks and please keep hair accessories simple.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM/Uniform_List.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact the office staff.

I would like to congratulate all the children receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Receiving the Sacrament, the body and blood of Christ, for the first time shows the children are together with God. We wish you all a happy time together.

We are very grateful to have a very hard-working Parent's Association that works tirelessly to support our school. Our Summer Fayre is the biggest event of the year so please give up a little time to volunteer on the day. The proceeds from these events benefit all the children in St Mary's.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

ROSARY

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.

This morning the children reflected on The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection of the Lord. Many thanks to everyone who came along.



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

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Many thanks to Lissie Wohlman, 4I, for sending in a photo of her May altar. If any other families have made an altar, please let us know.



The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at St Mary's, so please save the date.

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends led the Rosary today for the Infant children. They taught them how to hold their rosaries and what to say on each bead.



LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen

Ages 9+

Ysolda loves her home in the Glaw Wood; alongside her older sister, Hari, and pet sea hawk, Nara, she feels safe and loved. Their village is small, close-knit and just a little magical. Many of the inhabitants have magical powers firmly connected to the natural world around them; some can sense when water is nearby, others have an instinctive knowledge of forest foraging. But it's Hari who has the most prized power – for she knows and understands the language of trees.

Beyond the Glaw Wood though, danger creeps ever closer. The Wolf Queen is on a power-hungry quest and will destroy all who stand in her way.

When the evil queen has Hari kidnapped, Ysolda determines to save her beloved older sister.

CHAMBER CHOIR

We would all like to wish the Chamber Choir good luck in their next event! Mrs McGarry is looking forward to their performance, *Singing Spectacular 2023*, on Wednesday 8th May, in Blackheath Halls. The concert will begin at 7pm and will finish at approx. 8.30pm.

Any parent that is not attending can drop their child off at the venue for the performance and collect them afterwards.

There is a rehearsal on Wednesday 8th May at 11.30am. Mrs McGarry, with some parent volunteers, will accompany the children to it. They will travel to Blackheath by train from Eltham and return back before the end of the school day.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Fionn Doyle and Brendan Behan (2E) were recently awarded their karate belts. Fionn was awarded his orange belt and Brendan achieved a double grading of yellow belt plus orange tip. Both boys practice and train every week so well done to them.



Sasha in Y1 class D, has completed reading six books in six weeks! He loves reading. Well done Sasha....keep up the good work!



KEY DATES

Please refer to the key dates which were emailed this week. Add the relevant dates to your calendar so you do not miss key events.

If you have not received the email, please contact the main office and we can send it again.

All dates are on the website calendar.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Calendar/>

TRAVEL AMBASSADORS

The travel ambassadors presented to the Infants in an assembly today about the different ways of travelling to school that helps our environment. They did a wonderful job so please ask your children about it. It is important to promote the positives of using environmentally friendly ways of travelling to school – good for wellbeing as well as our environment.

The children have come up with an idea for a competition, open to all the Infant children. They would like the Infants to design a sign that promotes walking, scooting or cycling to school.

Please give all entries to the class teacher by Friday 10th May. The travel ambassadors will choose some winners and entries will be displayed around the school. The template is attached with the newsletter so please get designing!

PA NEWS

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 8th June).

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy. Please use this link to sign up:

<https://volunteersignup.org/WTPPK>

The PA have already started collecting bottles and teddy bears for the tombola at the Summer Fayre. If you wish to donate a bottle, please take it to the main office where it will be looked after until the day of the fayre. Bottles must be full and unused. They can have anything in them e.g., squash, wash up liquid, bubble bath, alcohol etc.

Mrs Jefferys from the main office will be running the plant stall this year so if you can donate any plants, please let her know. This used to be a very popular stall so we are trying to revive it! We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to start propagating plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact Mrs Jefferys as she will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

Many thanks for all your support.

Date for the diary: Father's Day gift sale on Thursday 13th June.