



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Love God... Love Others... Love Ourselves...



Happy Easter

Heaven and earth you made
Almighty Father, your only-begotten son you gave
Priest and King, Lamb of God
Passion and death on a cross
You, Lord Jesus, made us children of God.

Encourage us to believe,
All our love and praise receive
So joyful and glorious
The Lord is risen, miraculous
Endless is your love, O Lord
Rejoicing, we thank you, our God.

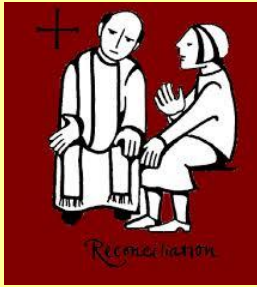


CURRICULUM

Religious Education

Come and See Themes
for the Summer term are:

Pentecost * Reconciliation * Universal Church



Under each of these themes our children are explore various topics, for example under '**Pentecost**' our children will look at good news, spreading the word and transformation. Then for '**Reconciliation**' they will look at friends, being sorry, building bridges. Within the theme of '**Universal Church**' they will look at our world, neighbours and special places

Whole School Assemblies

We continue to invite parents to come along for a school lunch on the Friday that their child's class is leading our whole school assembly. I know parents enjoy this opportunity and these lunches make the children's assembly day even more special

Easter Assemblies

This week at St Mary's we have celebrated Holy week with our special assemblies led by year groups. The assemblies create a prayerful and quiet space for all of us to reflect on the message of Easter that Christ died on the cross to forgive our sins and rose again for us on Easter Sunday.

During the course of Lent the children have been learning about the sacrifice made by Jesus and that Lent is a time for change and an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life.

*May the loving power of God,
which raised Jesus to new life,
strengthen you in hope,
enrich you with his love,
and fill you with joy in the faith,
and the blessing*



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Proposed Clubs – Summer Term

DAY & TIME	ACTIVITY	OPEN TO:	LED BY
Monday 8.00 – 8.45am	Tennis Club	All years	Natasha Argent (<i>hall</i>)
Monday 3.20-4.20pm	Construction Club	All years	Red Balloon Family (<i>Hall</i>)
Monday 3.20-4.20pm	Multi Sports	Y5 & Y6	Elms Sports Coaches <i>Junior Playground</i>
Tuesday 8.00 – 8.45am	Yoga	All Years	Emma Pierce Yoga (<i>Hall</i>)
Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Boxercise	Y5 & Y6	Elm Sports Coaches (<i>Hall</i>)
Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20pm	British Sign Language	All years	Empowering Deaf Society (<i>Aquinas Area</i>)
Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45am	Karate <i>Group 1</i>	Year 1 upwards	Lee Valley Karate Club (<i>hall</i>)
Wednesday lunchtimes	French	Y1 & Y2	Le Club Francais
Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm	French	Y3,Y4, Y5&Y6	Le Club Francais
Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm	Drama Club	All Years	Helen O'Grady Drama Ac (<i>Hall</i>)
Wednesday 3.20 -4.20pm	Girls Football Club	Y5 & Y6	Tottenham Hotspur F.C (<i>Junior Playground</i>)
Thursday 8.00 – 8.45am	Karate <i>Group 2</i>	Year 1 upwards	Lea Valley Karate Club (<i>hall</i>)
Thursday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Little Goals Football	Y1, Y2 & Y3	Mr Hughes (<i>Play Ground / Hall</i>)
Thursday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Tennis Club	Y1 – Y3	Connaught Club (<i>Infant Playground</i>)
Friday 8.00 – 8.45am	Gymnastics	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Flipstars Gymnastics (<i>hall</i>)
Friday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Boys Football Club	Y5 & Y6	Mr Hughes (<i>Junior Playground or Hall if raining</i>)
Friday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Cheerleading	Y1 & Y2	Dance Focus (<i>Hall</i>)
Friday 3.20 – 4.20pm	Athletics	Y3 – Y6	Jane Farrier, Orion Harriers (<i>Chingford C of E field</i>)

HAPPY EASTER

Events



Sports at St Mary's

Inter-Primary Football Tournament

Ten boys in Year 5 & Year 6 were very excited to attend the Inter-Primary Football Tournament at Goals Chingford. Great fun was had by all the boys. They look very smart in their new kit provided by Premier League Primary Stars.



Waltham Forest Quicksticks Hockey

This year's competition was held at the Lee Valley Hockey Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The team played well and was lucky enough to meet Emily Defroand, an English international field hockey player. Emily plays as a midfielder for England and Great Britain.



Collapsed Curriculum Day



Tottenham Hotspur Foundation visited St Mary's for a collapsed curriculum day.

THF coaches came into the school and took over for the day, starting with a welcome assembly.

During the day three topics were covered including English, where the classes wrote poems about ten things they might hear at a football match. After break the children looked at spending money to build a fantasy football team and then played some games to earn points. A good maths lesson!

The final session of the day was PSHE. During this lesson, the children spoke about Resilience and how they could develop their skills in this area. The Premier League Primary Stars programme shows the great work that is carried out at the foundation.



Events

Road Safety Week

Buzz Road Safety visited the school during Road Safety Week. The children learnt about the dangers on the roads and how they can take steps to be safer.



School Dinner Taster Day

Parents were invited into school to try out our school dinners. This was a very successful event and parents were very pleased with the food that they tried. This week, the food hygiene inspector visited the school and awarded our kitchen a 5 star rating.



Young Voices – O2 Arena

After lots of hard work and preparation, our choir, led by Mrs Palliser, were excited to represent St Mary's in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. On Monday 29th January, they joined 6000 young people from all over the country to perform over thirty different songs. During the afternoon, the individual groups enjoyed rehearsing together and the concert took place in the evening when the arena was packed with very proud family and friends. There were also guest performances from 'The Magnets' – a talented acapella group and amazing dancing from a young dance troupe called 'Urban Strides'. It was a fantastic event, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. A very big 'thank you' to Mrs Palliser for all her hard work, to make the evening possible. We hope your t- shirt will bring back many fond memories!



World Book Day

Despite the weather, St Mary's overcame all obstacles to celebrate World Book Day and the love of reading. Both staff and children dressed up as famous and infamous characters and lots of exciting book themed activities took place.

Here are some of our pictures that reflect a very fun filled and enjoyable day.



INFORMATION

SCHOOL MONEY

Please note there has been a slight change to the log in screen for school money. Please make sure you click on the 'login' button, on the top right hand corner and select, 'school money parent login'. All login details and passwords remain the same. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Lockwood in the office.

All uniform and replacement badges as well as parent lunches are purchased in the shop. Please make sure all lunches are purchased the day before an assembly, as dinner numbers need to be given to the kitchen for catering. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner on that day, please notify the office.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please make sure that dinner money is paid in advance. School dinners are currently £2.35 a day. The default weekly top up of £11.75 is pre-set. The figure can be changed if you prefer to pay monthly or per half term. If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinner OR visa-versa, a week's notice is required.

Children Late to School

Please can you make sure that late children are brought into school via the school office. Although parents no longer need to sign their child into school, parents still need to make sure their child is marked as arrived. Failure to do this could mean that your child is marked as absent.



COMMUNITY

Friends' of St Mary's

A very big thank you to all the families who have supported the events run by the FOSM. Without your support this cannot happen. All proceeds raised from the 'Friends' of St Mary's Association, goes to directly benefit the children of the school.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to say an extra special thank you to the Friends' committee for all the hard work they put into all their events – planning and preparing to make sure each event is such a success.

Once again the Friends have organised an Easter egg for each child to take home and share with their family on Easter Sunday.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Please can you try and remember all the things that your child needs for the day. It is very time consuming delivering homework, recorders and trainers etc that have been left at home.

Thank you for your consideration

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please make sure you check the school website. At www.stmaryschingford.com

It is regularly updated with the latest school information, including upcoming events on the calendar. Please make sure you subscribe to the calendar to make sure, no important date is forgotten!

INFORMATION

SWIMMING

Year 4 will attend weekly swimming sessions for the summer term after Easter on Thursday afternoons.

If you are able to help walk the children and can be added to the weekly rota please let the office know. The children will leave school at 1.45pm and will return at 3.40pm. Thank you to our current team of helpers who give up so much of their time.

School Uniform

With summer hopefully around the corner, can I remind parents the correct shade of blue for summer dresses and to consider a 'flared' style dress for comfort. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of, please can you hand it into the school office for resale by the Friends of St Mary's.

Unfortunately, lots of children are coming to school without their ties. Going forward, if this happens more than once, parents will be charged for a replacement via school money.

Thank you.

Goodbye

Today we say farewell to Mrs Palliser who will be returning to New Zealand and will be sadly missed. Mr Finn is looking forward to starting after Easter with Year 4.

**SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN FOR THE
SUMMER TERM ON
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018**

Wishing you all a holy, happy and peaceful
Easter.

*Philomena Egan
March 2018*

