



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's RC Primary

School Newsletter

Friday 1st March

Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARs within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our world.

Our Gospel Values

*Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of **love, hope and forgiveness**. We **respect** and support each other to live in **peace**. We embrace challenges and develop the **courage** to create a better world for us all.*

Ignite Team and Reconciliations

We are very grateful to the Ignite Team and Father Peter for joining us yesterday for a day of workshops to help the children understand and therefore better engage with the act of reconciliation before Easter. The pupils really enjoyed singing, learning more about the Stations of The Cross and doing mindfulness activities.





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Mass in School

Key Stage 1 Liturgy

Next Wednesday the 6th March the children in Key Stage 1 will be celebrating a Liturgy with Fr Padraig. This will take place at 9am in the hall. You are all welcome to come along and join in.

Whole School Mass - Lent

On Thursday 14th March there will be a whole school Mass with Fr Padraig. This will take place in at 9am in the hall. You are all welcome to come along and join in.



Mother's Day Sale

Year 3 will be holding their Mother's Day Sale on Wednesday 6th March. Children can bring to school £2 to buy and wrap a gift for a loved one. All proceeds will be going towards CAFOD.

World Book Day

World Book Day is around the corner! We are super excited as it is another opportunity to inspire children to read books! We encourage children to come to school on Thursday 7th March dressed as one of the characters from their favourite book, and of course to bring their book with them:) There will be prizes for children to win for the best costume, however please do not feel you need to buy anything; there's plenty of simple ideas on the internet, so get creative!

Parents evening

You will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher for 20th or 21st March. To book an appointment, just simply go to our school's Wisepay, and you'll find a section called 'Parents Evening'. There you can book a slot for your child. Please be aware that in Y2 and in YR you may see either of the class teachers. Thank you!

The Big Lent Walk

On Wednesday March 13th the children will all come to school in their PE Kit and they will take part in the CAFOD fundraiser, to walk 200km. You can donate to the fundraising page through the link below.



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We have no money donated at the moment, so please could we ask that you share the link with family friends. Thank you <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-big-lent-walk-fundraiser>



Easter Fair and Egg Hunt

Miss Crowe and Mr Cross are thinking ahead to the end of term and new ways to raise money for CAFOD. They would like to hold an Easter egg hunt on the last afternoon, more information regarding this will come out in a separate communication.

After school there will be an Easter Fair in the hall where the children will sell goods that they have made in class and run games.

Safeguarding practice

In the past we have requested a more visible presence of the police outside our school or in Kensington Gardens to better safeguard our children. This is especially important during busy times of the day like pick up and drop off times because of increased traffic or at lunchtime when there's more people in Kensington Gardens. Please don't be alarmed if you have noticed their presence most recently, it is their usual best practice and we are grateful for that community support.



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CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

March 2023		
6th	Mother's Day Sale	Children can bring in £2 to purchase and wrap a gift for Mother's Day.
7th	World Book Day	To celebrate, children will be taking part in reading activities in their classes and are welcome to come to school dressed up as a book character. They are also invited to bring in any book inspired artwork or dioramas and, of course, to bring in their favourite book!
13th March	CAFOD - The Big Lent Walk	All children wear their PE Kit to school
15th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform day.
18th	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos	
20th	British Sign Language Lessons for classes	
20th - 21st	Parents Evening	Face to Face appointments - more information to come out next week
26th March	Easter Fayre	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre. More info to follow
Wednesday 27th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Pupils finish at 1:30pm. Return to school on Monday 15th April.
April 2023		



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W/C 15th April to Friday 19th April	Gunk a teacher	Children can buy a star to add to the teacher's chart. The teacher with the most stars at the end of the week gets gunk'd.
25th	Bohemian Rhapsody Choir Workshops	

May 2023		
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
6th -10th	Deaf Awareness Week	Children will learn sign language in class
13th - 17th	KS2 SATS	
20th-24th	Walk to School Week	All children, parents and staff are strongly encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Alternatively you can park further than usual and walk to school.
Monday 27th	MAY HALF TERM	Pupils return 3rd June
June 2023		
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am Family Fun Afternoon 1pm - 3pm	Whole school Sports Day AM Fun afternoon - PM
20th	Alternate Sports Day	
26th	New Reception class 2024 parents meeting	



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