



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PRAYER

HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 29

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Dear parents / carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful Easter Break and feel recharged ready for the Summer Term.



It was wonderful to see the children's smiley faces on Monday morning, all keen to be coming back to school and ready to learn. As I have walked around the school this week the children have all be very busy with their learning and working collaboratively.

In Nursey the children have been exploring different animals, there has been a lot of roaring going on, as they pretend to be lions, tigers and hippos!

In Reception we seemed to have lost all the children and they have been replaced by pirates. They have been busy following maps and looking for treasure.

Year 2 have been busy planting seeds and painting the cover of their Easter Story books.

The children in Year 1 have been watching out for a squirrel family with 3 baby squirrels. Miss Malone had to rescue a couple of them, when a strong gust of wind knocked them out of their nest on Monday. The Year 1 children have been so kind and caring in looking after God's creatures. This is the term when we will be seeing God's wonderful world come to life, and as a school we will be thinking about what we can all do to look after it.

In my assembly this week the children listened to the story of 'The Invisible String'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rZNTff35Aw>

We talked about how we all hold an invisible string in our hearts that takes our love to everyone we know. We used a map to see how our St Mary's family, love, spreads all over the world to all our friends and family who live in different countries.

The children head the Gospel Reading John 4:7-8

Dear Friends, let us Love on another, for love comes from God

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"Put your trust in Jesus. He will fill your plans with meaning and joy. Open your hearts trustfully to Jesus!"

St Pope John Paul II

A Word from Pope Francis

"It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down. This is the key to success in life."

Dear Lord Jesus,

You are the Good Shepherd who guides us through life. Please help us always to place our **trust** in you.

Amen

Golden Table

It was a pleasure to have lunch on the Golden table today with such polite children. I can see why they had all be chosen to have lunch with me. This week the children with exceptional manners were:

Jonas in St Andrew Class

Kiseri in St George Class

Talise in St Bernadette Class

Olachukwu in St Therese Class

Antonia in St Francis Class

Demian in St Martin Class

We had lovely conversations about the foods we enjoy eating at home with our families and what we like to cook.

I am sorry to pass on the news that Mrs Pendry, the former Headteacher of St Mary's Junior School, passed away on Sunday after a long illness.

Mrs Pendry was Headteacher at the Junior School from 2001 until 2015 and was a greatly respected and loved leader. She was also a great servant of the Catholic Community in Croydon.

She will be remembered by many of our families with older siblings who were children when she worked at the school.

Please remember her husband and her three sons in your prayers at this sad time.

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Uniform Sale

In the school office we have our second-hand uniform on sale. There are lots of jumpers, T-shirts, boys' trousers, girls' skirts and summer dresses. If you need anything come along, have a look and just put a donation in the pot.

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Summer 1

Week 1		Week 4	
15.4.23		6.5.24	BANK HOLIDAY
16.4.24	St Bernadette Feast day	7.5.24	
17.4.24		8.5.24	
18.4.24		9.5.24	Ascension Day, Reception to Golden Hinde
19.4.24		10.5.24	
Week 2	21.4.24 Earth Day	Week 5	
22.4.24		13.5.24	St Martin to Mass
23.4.24	St Georges day	14.5.24	
24.4.24		15.5.24	St Martin Assembly
25.4.24		16.5.24	
26.4.24		17.5.24	
Week 3		Week 6	
29.4.24	St Francis to Mass	20.5.24	
30.4.24		21.5.24	
1.5.24	St Francis Assembly	22.5.24	
2.5.24		23.5.24	St Marys Feast day
3.5.24		24.5.24	INSET DAY

Summer 2

Week 1		Week 5	
3.6.24		1.7.24	
4.6.24	Nursery to Bocketts Farm	2.7.24	
5.6.24		3.7.24	Year 1 to British Wildlife centre
6.6.24		4.7.24	Catholic Infant Sports day EY new parents meeting 6pm
7.6.24		5.7.24	
Week 2		Week 6	
10.6.24		8.7.24	
11.6.24	Sports day KS1 AM Early years PM	9.7.24	
12.6.24	St Andrew Class Assembly Year 2 Sea life Centre Brighton	10.7.24	St Therese Assembly
13.6.24		11.7.24	
14.6.24	Father's day assembly	12.7.24	
Week 3	Fathers day 16th June	Week 7	
17.6.24		15.7.24	
18.6.24		16.7.24	Year 2 leavers Mass
19.6.24	St George Class Assembly	17.7.24	Nursery picnic
20.6.24		18.7.24	Reception Graduation
21.6.24		19.7.24	
Week 4		Week 8	
24.6.24		22.7.24	
25.6.24		23.7.24	END OF TERM
26.6.24	St Bernadette Assembly	24.7.24	INSET DAY
27.6.24			
28.6.24			

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