



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

YEAR OF PRAYER

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St. Mary's
Catholic Infant School

Dear parents / carers,

Could this really be the start of summer? What a beautiful week it has been with the sun shining and feeling the warmth on our skins. It has been a pleasure to see the children in all year groups taking their learning outside. The enthusiasm they show for looking after God's creation is wonderful to see. They all have a keen enjoyment for watering the plants and helping keep their school gardens tidy and weed free!



With the sun in mind can I please ask to you ensure your child has our school royal blue sun hat in school for when we get this beautiful weather. We want to ensure they are protected from the sun and are sun safe. If you are unable to get the hat with the logo on I will be happy for your child to wear a plain royal blue cap.

St Martin Class Assembly

We have St Martin Class Assembly on Wednesday 13th May. Parents from St Martin class are invited to join the school in watching their children in the assembly. It will be at 9.15am in the school hall. We look forward to you joining us.

Ascension Day Liturgy

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of Ascension. We were fortunate to be joined by Father James, who led the Liturgy. The children processed outside into the playground singing and let off balloons with prayers attached.

It was a beautiful day and we saw the balloons saw up to Heaven.

Father James commented to Mrs Fernandes on how wonderful all our children are in both their behaviour and spirituality. And he gave a special thanks to all the staff for creating such a lovely environment and such well behaved children.

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Gardening

I was wondering if we have any keen gardeners among the parents or anyone that would be keen to come in and help to tidy up our garden in time for our Feast day. The garden is in desperate need of some weeding and pruning and some general TLC

If you are available on Thursday 16th May to come in and give myself and Bob a hand we would really appreciate it. We promise you a cup of tea and some biscuits!

Reception's Trip to the Golden Hinde



Both Reception classes were lucky enough to visit the Golden Hinde Ship in London Bridge this week, as part of their topic about Pirates and under the sea.

Mrs Francois Williams and Miss Peckham said the children were impeccably behaved. They showed the school in such a good light both on the train journeys, walking to the Golden Hinde and while they were at the ship. I am so proud of them.



A Croydon based service that support families in need.

We are attaching a Spring newsletter from 'Bright futures 4 all'.

This is a community initiative that I became aware of at The Croydon Inclusion Conference in April. They are based in Croydon and offer a range of free and subsidised education and well-being services to children and families who need support for a variety of reasons. They have a particular passion for supporting neurodiverse learners and their families. In 2023 they launched Croydon's first ever SEND After School Club, where children with SEND are nurtured and supported by trained adults and young mentors with a SEND diagnosis. They also offer mentoring, counselling, holiday clubs and many other services.

Please do take a look at their website to find out more about what they offer...

<https://www.brightfutures4all.com/>

Here is the link for the newsletter... <https://www.brightfutures4all.com/post/march--april-2024-newsletter>

If you have questions, require any further information or you are worried about any aspect of your child's development, please speak with Mrs Charlesworth.





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Golden Table

I had the pleasure of having lunch with such polite children on the Golden Table today. I could see why they had all been chosen. This week the children with exceptional manners were:

Kristiano in St Andrew Class, Aiden in St George Class, Joshua in St Bernadette Class, Samuel in St Therese Class, Rachael in St Francis Class and Grady in St Martin Class

St Mary's Feast Day

Our Annual St Mary's Feast and family picnic will be on **Thursday 23rd May**.

Our procession will begin at **11am** in the KS1 playground followed by a Liturgy in the garden with our whole school family. After the liturgy please join us in the KS1 playground for our family picnic.

After the picnic you are free to take your children home and begin your half term!



A Word from Pope Francis

"Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home. Above all, take care of people in need"

"Cast your cares upon God, for you are his and he will not forget you"

St John of the Cross

Dear Lord Jesus,

Please help us to see the needs of others, to **care** for creation, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and **caring** heart.

Amen

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