

St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools' Weekly Newsletter

24th November, 2023

'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'



Farewell coffee morning

After over 30 years of working as a teacher, and many of those years at St Mary's Priory, Mrs Georgiou has decided to retire at the end of term. We are all extremely sad to say goodbye to her, but know that, as a grandma to two of our pupils, she will still be part of our school community.

We would like to extend an invitation to a coffee morning on December 8th at 9am - 10am, where coffee and cakes will be served. This is an opportunity for those of you who have known Mrs Georgiou (which is probably nearly all of you) to pop in and say goodbye to her. If you are able to join us, please come to the office at 9am on Friday, December 8th.

Reminder: Enrichment clubs end 8th December

Educational Visits

Many of you may be aware of the educational visits we take our children on. We aim to travel further afield at least once a term, using the 'living classroom' that is London. We now have a document on our website, which gives an overview of booked trips for the coming year. <https://www.stmaryspriory.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Curriculum&pid=25> In addition to these trips, we also supplement the learning experience with local trips to other places of worship, St Ann's library, our local parks and others, as they come up throughout the year.



Harvest Festival

This week the School Council, Ms Roma and Mrs Murphy took our harvest collections to St Ann's Food Bank this week. Thank you to our families for giving so generously.



National Road Safety Week

This week we took part in 'Road Safety Week'.

The children learnt how to stay safe on the road, whether that be walking, cycling or scooting.

Don't forget to enter our competition- create a poster promoting road safety and give to Mrs Ronan or Mrs Reynolds. Deadline: Friday 30th November.

**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**



Well done everyone! We have been accredited with TFL London Travel for Life Silver Award. All those who cycle, walk, scoot or bus to school - we are playing a part in making our roads safe.

Attendance winners!

Infant School:

Junior School:

Dove
98.86%

6J
99.43%

Punctuality winners!

Dove
1 lates

3M
0 lates

HARINGEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

Haringey
LONDON



Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals and their families will be able to access free activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. Click on the link below to find out more and book places:

[Haringey Holiday Activity and Food Programme link](#)

Enrichment Clubs (sign up via Arbor at the start of the Autumn Term)

Infant School

- o Dance – Wednesdays – Year 1-2
- o English – Wednesdays – Year 1-2
- o Drama – Thursdays – Reception
- o Multi Sports – Monday – Year 1-6
- o Football – Tuesdays – Year 1-3
- o Football – Thursdays – Year 4 – 6

Junior School

- o Geography – Mondays – Year 3-4
- o Arts & Crafts – Wednesdays – Year 3-5
- o Boxing – Wednesday – KS2
- o Netballing – Tuesdays – KS2

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
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1st December	'No pens day' -information on the next slide	All pupils	Classrooms	All day
1st December	Nasal flu spray being administered- please make sure you complete the permissions if you want your child to receive the spray.	Reception-Year 6		
8th December	Farewell coffee morning for Mrs Georgiou	All parents	Hall	9-10am
8th December	Final day of our enrichment clubs	All pupils		
13th December	Christmas Dinner	All children	Lunch hall	Lunchtime
14th December	The PSA's Christmas Fair! School closed early at 2pm	St Mary's Community	Hall	2pm
Wb 18th December	Christmas Performances: EYFS Performance: Tuesday 19th December @9am KS1 Performance: Monday 18th December @2.30pm Y3/4 Performance: Tuesday 19th December @2.30pm Y5/6 Performance 20th December @9am	All parents	Hall	

Information for families

Why is your child's school taking part in No Pens Day 2023: Show and tell?

- Teachers estimate that, in the UK today, 1.9 million children struggle with talking and understanding words. Without the right support, they face huge hurdles in learning, making friends and staying in good mental health.
- By bringing in £1 and taking part in No Pens Day 2023, you and your child can help raise money to support children who struggle with talking and understanding words.
- It's a chance for your child to improve their speech, language and communication skills through a day of talking and listening activities – starting with the biggest ever show and tell!

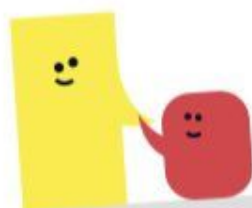
Help your child take part by...

- Helping them choose something that they would like to bring in or talk about for show and tell. This could be:
 - An object from home that they love
 - An item of clothing
 - A photograph of a person who they want to talk about
 - A photograph of a special memory
 - Something imaginary! They don't have to bring anything in – they could just think of something they want to talk about.
- Helping them practise doing show and tell with their chosen item. They could mention:
 - What it is
 - Why they love this item/memory/imaginary thing
 - When they got it/did it
 - Who gave it to them/who they were with
 - What's special about it

- Make sure they bring in £1 to take part in show and tell on the day. All money raised will go to Speech and Language UK – a charity that supports children who struggle with talking and understanding words.

After the day...

- Have a chat with your child about how No Pens Day 2023 went. It's probably best not to ask your child about this as soon as they come out of school – unless they happen to initiate a conversation about it. Children often need to switch off for a bit when they first get home from school. Try to wait till they seem ready to chat. A good time to talk about this might be at the table while you are eating tea, snuggled up together on the sofa while sharing a snack, when you are walking somewhere together and are not in a hurry, or possibly at bedtime when you are saying good night (provided it's not too late!)
- Some of the things you could say to your child include:
 - I'd love to hear about your "show and tell" today. How did it go?
 - What did your friends/teacher ask you about X? ("the thing you took in to school"?)
 - How did you feel when you were talking?
 - What did you tell them about it?
 - What did some of your friends talk about?
 - Did you learn anything new today?
 - How did it go/feel not using a pen/pencil today?





Stars of the Week



Owl Class	Sabaothe	Zoe
Penguin Class	Renayasia	Kajetan
Robin Class	Erica	Aaron
Woodpecker Class	Eyoel	Briana
Dove Class	Atnatiwos	Pola
3C	Cameron	Ariana
3M	A'Zaria	Leah
4B	Drew	Blessing
5D	Dylan	Bella
5S	Jordan	Shammah
6B	Shekinah	Scarlett
6J	Henos	Destiny

Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard
to stand out amongst their peers. Well done
everyone!



Link to our Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StMarysRCPriory>



What's been happening at St Mary's this week?

Make sure you check out our school's Twitter account to keep up to date with what our pupils are getting up to!

Robin class had a wonderful school trip to the cinema to see 'Paddington'.

Smiles all round! 😊

#schooltrip #cinema



Keeping safe is so important in our school. Look at all our work on road safety!



A really big THANK YOU 🙏 from Rev Jess @stannstottenham for all of the food bank donations ❤️ Yesterday some of the School Councillors dropped off the food to help those in our local community who need it most!



'Where great lives begin...'



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<https://www.stmaryspriory.co.uk>

10th November, 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We will be having our Christmas Fair on Thursday 14th of December from 2.00– 4.30pm. We would like to invite you, your family and all your friends to our event. We will also be selling raffle tickets from 20th November.

This year we are raising money so that children can have cultural opportunities and experiences. We would dearly like you to donate any of these items:

- Confectionary, sweets or chocolates for to sell.
- New small toys and games for to sell.
- Candles, body lotions, or fragrant sprays, soaps, creams or perfumes to sell.
- Biscuits and cakes to sell.
- Stationery such as pencils, pens, or crayons to sell.
- Bottles of drinks, orange/apple juices and squashes.

Please start bringing the donations to your class teacher starting from this Monday.

Thank you for all your support

From Mrs Georgiou and PSA

Parent Staff Association

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

13TH DECEMBER 2023

MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings & Gravy
(G, SU)
or
Roast Vegetable Wellington with a Tomato Sauce
(E, G)

SIDES

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

DESSERT

Chocolate Yule Cake with Vanilla Cream
(MK, E, G)
or
Fruit Pot

Allergens:
CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds * = May Contain

olive
food with passion

BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD



**A 5-week parent workshop
hosted by Trailblazers!**



The Trailblazers are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children. Zena is an Educational Mental Health Practitioner supporting St Mary's Infant & Juniors School. She is trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including anxiety, low mood and behavioural difficulties.

What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.
- Parent peer support - sharing and understanding.

"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."

"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"

(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)

**BOOK A PLACE
BY EMAILING:**

office@stmarysr
cpriory.haringey
.sch.uk



WHEN & WHERE?

9am - 10am @ St Mary's Priory Infant & Juniors
Wednesday 10th January - 14th February 2024
(5 sessions + *optional* review)

Haringey
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NHS
Barnet, Enfield and
Haringey Mental Health
NHS Trust

