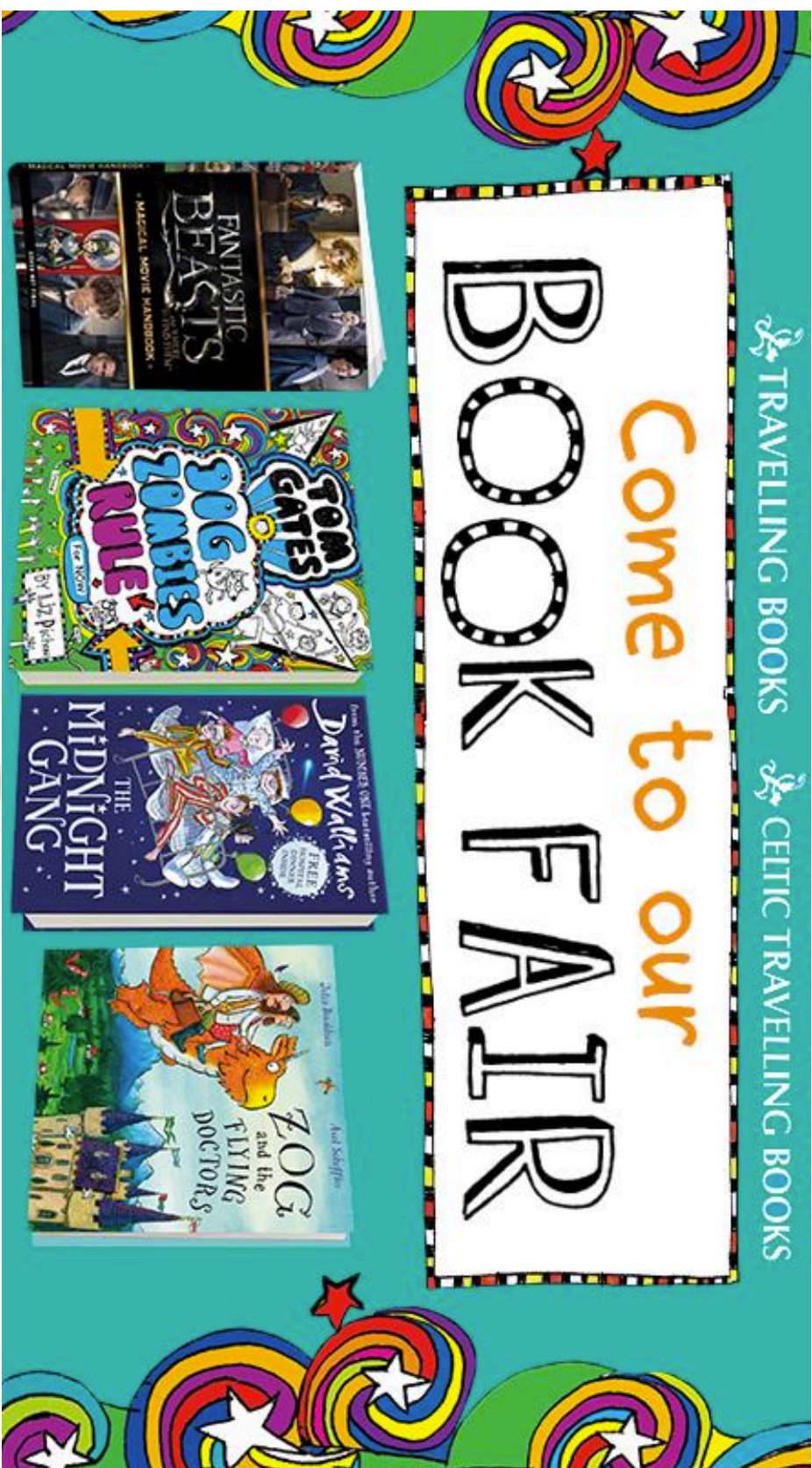


St Mary's, Isleworth Newsletter for Friday 19th May 2017



When?

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd – 8:20am-8:45 am and 3:15pm – 3:40pm

Wednesday 24th – 3:15pm – 3:40pm

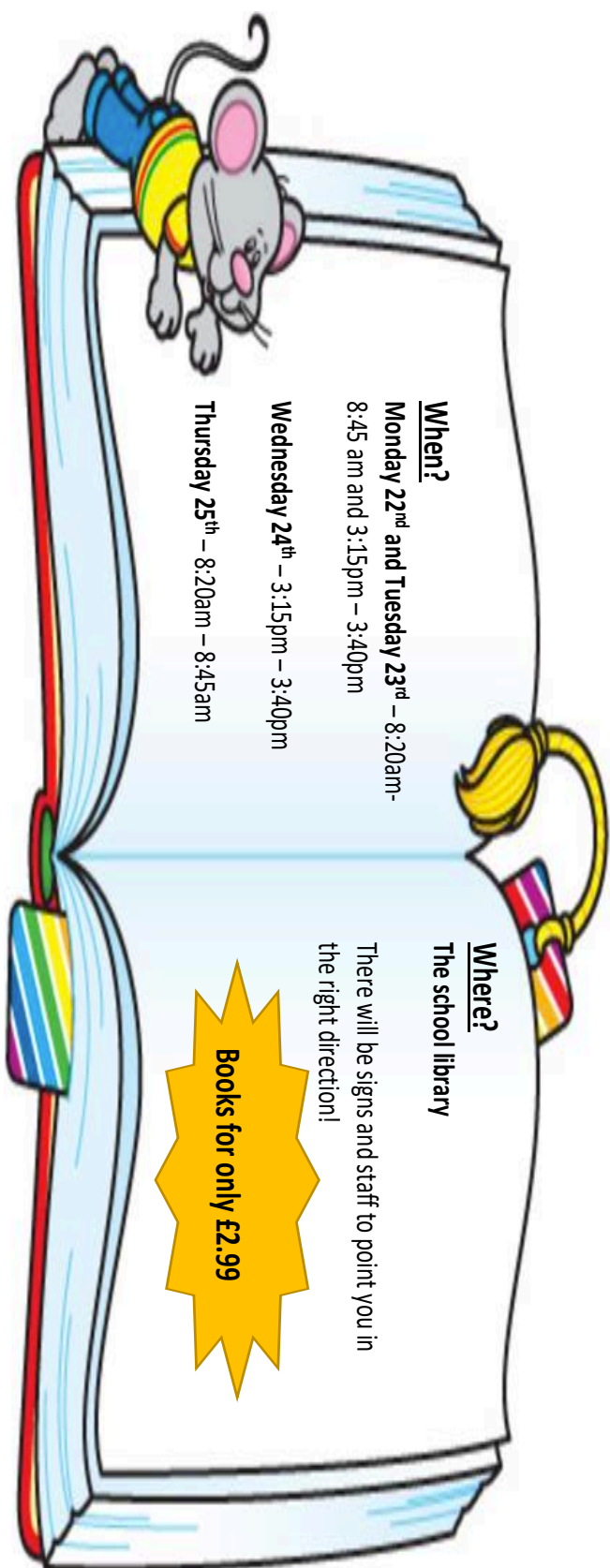
Thursday 25th – 8:20am – 8:45am

Where?

The school library

There will be signs and staff to point you in the right direction!

Books for only £2.99





THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017

A letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops

As we approach the General Election on 8 June, we offer you these considerations.

As Catholics and citizens of the UK, our lives are shaped by the vision inspired by our faith. Pope Francis says:

“An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters.” Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium §183

These words encourage us to approach this General Election with a positive determination to consider carefully all that is at stake.

An important duty of every UK citizen with the right to vote is to take part in this General Election. Please make sure that you are registered. Please do vote. Your vote is a matter of conscience. It is your judgement about all that God wants of us, both personally and as a society.

Pope Francis reminds us of key principles to guide our thinking:

“...a deep desire to change this world and leave this earth a better place than we found it.”

To do this we must name and face every injustice and exploitation which scars our society and world.

“We love this human family with all its tragedies and struggles”

The family is the basic model by which we think of humanity, for the family is indeed the fundamental unit of the human race and therefore to be protected and nurtured. The practical expression of this love is mercy and compassion, extended especially at times of illness, homelessness, bereavement, violence and desolation.

“The earth is our common home”

We cannot be indifferent to the struggles and disasters of people who live far away from us, and must strive to assist and protect them. We cannot be indifferent to the environmental impact of how we live and organise our creation of wealth and well-being.

“We are all brothers and sisters.”

Here we insist that every person has a shared dignity that should never be denied or ignored. We are made in God's image and likeness, precious to him and each other, and this must be respected and valued.

These broad principles impact directly on many of the practical issues being debated at this time. Indeed, this General Election takes place at a pivotal moment in the life of our nations as we prepare to leave the European Union.

To a great extent the outcome of this election will determine the approach taken on how this is achieved, the priorities we pursue and the values we wish to treasure as our own in the UK and as partners with countries around the world. It will determine how we can heal divisions in our society, care for the vulnerable, how our public services are run and whether we can remain a united kingdom.

These principles shape our thinking about the issues that are being debated at this time. Attached are some questions you might consider yourselves and raise with candidates or those who seek your support.

LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION

There are over three million EU citizens living in the UK and about a million British citizens living elsewhere in the EU. They face an uncertain future. *Where do your candidates stand on the future of EU citizens in the UK and reciprocal rights for UK citizens in the EU?*

As our formal leaving of the EU approaches, new trade deals will be negotiated. It is important that in them human and workers' rights, the environment, and the development of the world's poorest countries are taken into account.

What issues do your candidates think should be the top priority when forming new international partnerships?

ISSUES ON FAMILY AND LIFE

In 2015 Parliament voted overwhelmingly to protect society's most vulnerable people, by preventing the legalisation of assisted dying. **Will your candidates uphold this decision? Will they support measures to promote the intrinsic value of life at every stage?**

The family is at the heart of the health and well-being of society, above all the well-being of children. **What policies do your candidates propose for the flourishing of family life?**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In a civilised society prisons should be places of redemption and rehabilitation. Our prison system faces unprecedented levels of violence and suicide. **Do your candidates support urgent prison reform and better resourcing?**

MIGRATION

The UK has long been a place of welcome for people from other countries. There needs to be a clear policy on migration, which works for the economy and is respectful of the unity of marriage and family life. **How will your candidates ensure that we operate a fair migration system for people wanting to enter and work in the UK?**

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The UK is currently committed to resettling at least 20,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees by 2020. **Will your candidates work to ensure that this commitment is kept and options to expand the scheme are considered? Will they promote a welcoming society and stand against hate crime?**

FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF

Across the world millions of people are persecuted because of their beliefs. **How do your candidates intend to promote freedom of religion or belief for all, and what steps could be taken as a priority in UK foreign policy to protect religious minorities, including Christian minorities?**

HELPING THE WORLD'S POOREST

Aid provided by the UK saves lives and helps people out of poverty. **Will your candidates commit to protecting and enhancing the international development budget?**

CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE

There are many in our communities who are financially vulnerable and struggle to make ends meet or in need of decent housing. **Where do your candidates stand on helping the poorest, in terms of health, social care and housing? How will they support people with mental health problems? How will they finance these services?**

EDUCATION

Catholic schools make a positive contribution to society, serving over 845,000 children in England and Wales. **Will your candidates support parental choice for the education of their children? Will they support Catholic schools as part of this choice for faith-based education?**

MODERN SLAVERY

Modern slavery is a gross violation of human dignity affecting at least 14,000 people in the UK and millions more around the world. **How will your candidate give political support to the fight against modern slavery and better assistance for its victims?**

There are many other issues you will be considering. In all of them please bear in mind not only their impact on you and your family but also their impact on our wider world. The UK has a long and worthy tradition of generosity and justice. The values contained in these questions are fundamental to our way of life and the good of our society.

Lord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace.

Issued by the Archbishops of Westminster, Cardiff, Southwark, Birmingham and Liverpool on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Book Week 2017

The theme for this year's book week is Magic! We start the week with a visit from a real Magician and end it on Friday with the chance for children to dress up as magicians, magical creatures - in fact as anything to do with magic! We're looking forward to seeing them all in their costumes on Friday.



Imperial War Museum Visit

Written using extracts from Sam and Dona

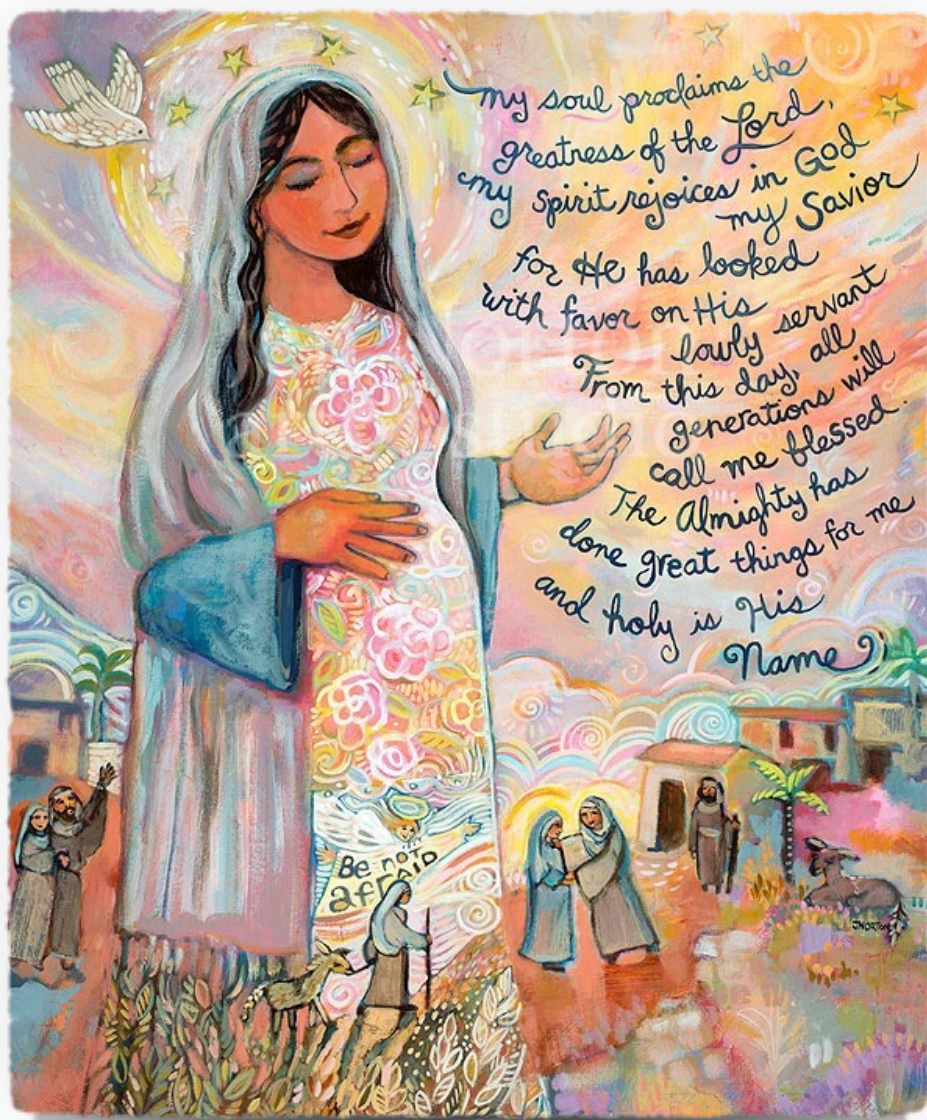
On the 3rd of May, St. Mary's Isleworth's Year 6 class went to the Imperial War Museum.

Whilst there, they attended a conference with two evacuees including Kitty Capelli who was evacuated 3 times. The other, Alan Francis, was never evacuated as his mother did not want him to go. He wanted to flee to London to Canada but his parents did not let him.

The students learnt about the devastation caused by a torpedo shot at the ship Alan would have been on if he had left London. Many of his classmates died.

Kitty was evacuated from London with 2 of her elder sisters and had to work as maids in a manor house.

The children saw other exhibits such as the secret war (about spies). They were able to see many medals and an enigma machine as well as several war planes such as the Spitfire.



May is known as the month of Mary. We can ask her to join ours prayers to ours as we pray the Angelus.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

*And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary, etc.*

And the Word was made Flesh.

*And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, etc.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. AMEN

Walk to School Week



Well done to all the cyclists, walkers
and scooterists this
week!



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTA

Match Funding



Did you know?

That many companies run schemes to help support people who are raising money for a charity (St Mary's PTA is a registered charity) by offering match funding?

It is a great way for us to help raise even more money for the school and reach that £15k target !



If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

If you work for a company that has this policy then we would really appreciate your help! It's often that it's just a case of asking HR how we go about it, and don't worry - we can do whatever needs to be done so as not to take up too much of your time!

This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us double our efforts.

If you are able to help us this way, please let the PTA know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Isleworth - PTA

Gardening in Reception

Children in Bumblebees and Dolphins grew potatoes which they then ate at lunchtime. They were delicious!



Here's the Summer school dinner menu.

Our commitment to
healthy eating
in our schools

Our commitment to healthy eating in our schools is still as strong as ever. We go a long way to ensure that children eat well and understand the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.

We can adapt our menus to meet **special dietary requirements** so that school meals can be enjoyed by all children.

We're proud that all our menus **meet or exceed** Government food and nutrition standards.

Wherever possible we **minimise and eliminate** food additives in the school meals we serve.

The rigour in our sourcing means that we can **trace all our products** back to source.

Our very own team of nutritionists develop all our menus to ensure **balanced and healthy choices**.

Food **Super Heroes** Menu

<http://loveschoolmeals.co.uk/hounslow/>


Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE

Week one

17/04 15/05 19/06 17/07

Monday

Choose a main meal...
Chicken & Vegetable Ratacouille with Wholemeal Flice (M)
Mega Mozzarella & Tomato Stone-baked Pizza v (V)
Tuna Mayonaisse Roll (P)

on the side...
Saddle Sweetcorn Chop Chop Salad

for dessert...
Individual Custard Pot (choice of Banana, Chocolate or Strawberry)

Tuesday

Choose a main meal...
Pork Bangers with Mash Mountain & Gravy (M)
Veggie Bangers with Mash Mountain & Gravy v (V)
Bud's Baked Spud with Baked Beans or Grated Cheese (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Barry Baked Beans Diced Swede

for dessert...
Chocolate Cookies

Wednesday

Choose a main meal...
Roast Beef with Bud's Crispy Spuds & Gravy (M)
Super Quorn Roast with Bud's Crispy Spuds & Gravy v (V)
Egg Mayo & Cress Petit Pain (P)

on the side...
Seasonal Cabbage Sliced Carrots

for dessert...
Fruits of Forest Cake

Thursday

Choose a main meal...
Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini Napoletana (M)
Veggie Mince Chilli with Whole Grain Rice v (V)
Tomato & Basil Soup with Giant Herby Crostons v (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Broccoli Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Individual Muller Yoghurt

Friday

Choose a main meal...
Fish Fingers, Mash & Ketchup (M)
Roasted Vegetable Bean Wrap & Mash v (V)
Dhal & Basmati Rice v (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Barry Baked Beans Garden Peas

for dessert...
Tutti Frutti Cake & Custard

Week two

24/04 22/05 26/06

Choose a main meal...
Mega Mozzarella & Tomato Stone-baked Pizza v (M)
Spanish Style Vegetable Paella v (V)
Hummus & Falafel Wrap (P)

on the side...
Casey Carrots Green Beans

for dessert...
Cheese & Crackers

Choose a main meal...
Beef Meatballs Italian Style & Wholemeal Flice (M)
Veggie Balls Italian Style & Wholemeal Flice v (V)
Cheese & Red Onion Stuffed Bud'n Jid Spud (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Brains Broccoli Saddle Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Pineapple & Carrot Cake & Custard

Choose a main meal...
Roast Pork, Bud's Crispy Spuds & Gravy (M)
Vegetable & Potato Cheese Baker (V)
Chicken Tikka Wrap (P)

on the side...
Casey Carrots Cauliflower

for dessert...
St Clement's Cookie

Choose a main meal...
Chicken & Tomato Wholemeal Pasta (M)
Macaroni Cheese v (V)
Spicy Casey Carrot Soup with a Chunk of Wholemeal Bread (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Sweetcorn Chop Chop Salad

for dessert...
Individual Muller Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
Breaded Fish & Chips & Ketchup (M)
Veggie Nuggets & Chips v (V)
Jacket Potato with Cheesy Coleslaw v (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Garden Peas Barry Baked Beans

for dessert...
Orange & Chocolate Cake & Custard

Week three

01/05 05/06 03/07

Choose a main meal...
Beef Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges (M)
Crispy Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges v (V)
Grated Cheese & Apple Slaw Roll (P)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Barry Baked Beans Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Chocolate Brownie & Custard

Choose a main meal...
Mega Mozzarella & Tomato Stone-baked Pizza v (M)
Quorn & Vegetable Ratacouille on Wholemeal Flice v (V)
Jacket Potato with Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma v (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Green Beans

for dessert...
Individual Muller Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
Roast Turkey with Bud's Crispy Spuds & Gravy (M)
Spanish Omelette served with Bud's Crispy Spuds v (V)
Cheese Roll with Pasta Salad (P)

on the side...
Mixed Fresh Vegetables

for dessert...
Fruit Jelly

Choose a main meal...
Chinese Style Chicken Noodles (M)
Oriental Vegetable Noodles v (V)
Spiced Chick Pea & Coconut Soup with Naan Bread (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Braised Cabbage Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Tutti Frutti Cake & Custard

Choose a main meal...
Papa Potato & Spinach Soup with an Dairy Roll Fish Fingers, Mash & Ketchup (M)
Quorn Hotdog v (V)
Bud'n' Jid Spud with Grated Cheese (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Barry Baked Beans Garden Peas

for dessert...
Apple & Raisin Flapjack

Week four

08/05 12/06 10/07

Choose a main meal...
Beally Cheesy Pizza Bianca (M)
Pasta Pack's Tomato & Basil Pasta v (V)
Egg Mayonaisse Roll (P)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Broccoli Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Silvertops Cool Ice Cream Pot

Choose a main meal...
Chunky Chicken Bite (tomato breaded chicken with pasta salad) (M)
Cheese & Red Onion Quiche with Pasta Salad v
Jacket Potato with Chunky Red Coleslaw (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Green Beans Tomato Salsa

for dessert...
Raspberry Loaf Cake

Choose a main meal...
Roast Chicken, with Bud's Mash & Gravy (M)
Baked Bean & Cheese Bubble & Squeak v (V)
Crunchy Humus & Red Pepper Tortilla Wrap (P)

on the side...
Seasonal Cabbage Carrots

for dessert...
Chocolate Crispy

Choose a main meal...
Saddle's Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Wedge (M)
Caramelised Red Onion, Spinach, Tomato and Cheese Tart with Cous Cous v
Creamed Spinach Sausages & Wholemeal Roll v (A)
Bolly Salmon Fillet & Chips (M)
BBQ Quorn & Bean Wrap with Chippy v (V)
Dhal & Basmati Rice v (A)
Choose a main meal...

on the side...
Baked Beans Sweetcorn

for dessert...
Pineapple & Carrot Cake & Custard

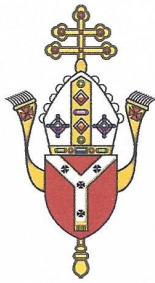


We have a fresh salad bar available daily
We Bake Bread Daily
If your child receives or needs a special diet or allergen menu, please speak to your catering manager or contact us
(M) Main Meal (V) Dishes Suitable for Vegetarians (A) Alternative Menu Choice

There is a vegetarian choice every day... and don't forget that salad is available daily.

Keep yourself topped up with water - it will help you concentrate all day long.

If you don't fancy dessert, you can always enjoy fresh fruit or yoghurt.



Diocese of Westminster

EDUCATION SERVICE

Director of Education: JP Morrison MA (Hons) MBA (Ed) NPQH

Mr Farley Marsh
Headteacher
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
South Street
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TW7 7EE

10th May 2017

Dear Farley,

I would like to take this opportunity to praise you and your staff following your recent Section 5 judgement.

The outcome is a testimony to the hard work, dedication and diligence of the staff, governors and students in achieving the very best for the individual pupil. This is a significant affirmation to your parent community that in choosing St Mary's Primary School for their child that they were correct to do so.

I am personally delighted for you as this is a testimony to your own leadership and management style and delivery. Well done!

I am sure other Heads and governors may seek advice and direction as to what is required to achieve "Good". I hope you will be willing to share your proven expertise with other schools who seek support.

Thank you for your service and dedication to Catholic education.

Yours sincerely,



JP Morrison
Director

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LIFE'S BETTER ON TWO WHEELS



The next

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Monday 5th June 2017

Please bring in any recent awards.



WE WANT TO TAKE YOU OUTSIDE FOR

A STROLL & a CUPPA

SEE SOMETHING NEW ON YOUR DOORSTEP, AWAKEN
YOUR SENSES AND MEET NEW FRIENDS IN THE PARK!

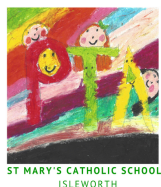
IT'S FREE SO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

STROLL, CHAT AND CUPPA PROGRAMME

All sessions are free and you do not have to book, but you will be asked to register on arrival.				
	Inwood Park 11.45-12.45	Redlees Park 1.30-2.30	Heston Park 11.45-12.45	Hanworth Park 1.30-2.30
Getting to know you	25 th April	25 th April	2 nd May	2 nd May
Let's Play	9 th May	9 th May		
Wildlife Detectives			16 th May	16 th May
Get Crafty	23 rd May	23 rd May		
Recycled art work 11.30-2.30		6 th June		13 th June
Be Mindful	20 th June	20 th June		
Meet the Friends / Picnic in the Park			27 th June	27 th June
Butterflies and Bees	4 th July	4 th July		
Clay modelling 11.30-2.30	18 th July		11 th July	
Somewhere Special	25 th July	25 th July	25 th July	25 th July
Meet the Friends / Picnic in the Park			5 th September	5 th September
Story telling 11.30-2.30		12 th September		26 th September
Memory Lane	19 th September	19 th September		
Art in the Park			3 rd October	3 rd October
Flowers and Trees			10 th October	10 th October
Earth song music	17 th October		24 th October	

MAY/JUNE

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTA Newsletter



Hello and welcome to our spring/summer newsletter.

Since our last newsletter in January, we've had a very busy few months. We mentioned that Mell would be taking some time out after Lucy was born. However this definitely hasn't been the case! Despite our best efforts to get Mell to take some well-deserved rest, she came back within weeks to assist Catalina and I in setting up and organising all forthcoming events. What's great is that not only do we have Mell back on the team, but we've also gained Catalina which is fantastic news.

So how did we do during the spring term?

January to April 2017, with all your help, we managed to raise the following amounts:

School Disco	£904
Cake Sale (Infants)	£379
Ladies Night	£777
Film Nights	£925
Mother's Day Present	£519
Easter Hamper Raffle	£500
Happy Bags	£339
Mini Mary's	£433
Total	£4,776

Total raised so far this year is £8,588

This is a fantastic result. Thanks so much to all you who have helped us achieve this. However, we still have some way to go to reach our £15,000 target and we have only a few months left. So what do we have planned to help us achieve our target?

Here are details of all the things we currently have planned, leading up to the end of the summer term.

Cake Sales

Due to SATS being held around the 11th May, we have been asked to reschedule the Junior Cake Sale to the 18th May.

Last term for the Infants Cake Sale, we received an amazing amount of homemade and bought cakes, so much so we didn't have to buy any extra cakes out of the PTA fund. !Thanks so much to all of you who made it such a great success.

The next Infants Cake Sale is scheduled for the 13th June. More details to follow.

Penny Jar Competition

The Penny Jar competition is in full swing and we're loving the competitive atmosphere between classes! It's great to hear that the children are enjoying this fundraising initiative. It's also been good for them to understand why these events, happen, because in the long run it's for them. It enables them to enjoy fantastic extras which really add to their playground and learning experience.

We will continue to let you know on a weekly basis how the classes are doing



School Disco

With the success of the previous Disco in January, we're looking at holding another one before the end of the summer term. We're currently looking at dates and will let you know as soon as one has been confirmed.

Family Night – Friday 19th May

Our Family Event this term is taking place on the 19th May 2017. Our main aim was to organise an event where the children can come with their families and enjoy something organised especially for them. Mr Marvel comes highly recommended. We chose him because his act appeals to a wide range of ages, so we think there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. He is booked for 2 hours so while the children are being entertained, you'll be able to sit, chat and enjoy the evening with friends whilst answering a few quiz questions. They'll be on your table for you to complete at your own leisure.

Please do come along and support this evening. We really do think it'll be one the children and you will remember for quite some time.



Father's Day Present – Sunday 18th June 2017

With the success of the Mother's Day Bag for Life present, we really couldn't go without thinking up something for Father's Day too. This year we will be asking the children to decorate their very own mug with whatever design or messages they want. With all the wonderful comments we received re the Bag for Life, we have a feeling Dads/carers will not be disappointed.

Very soon, a mug will be given to each child (during school time) to decorate to their hearts' content. These will be ready for them to take home in time for Father's Day.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sam Pipola and the teachers for facilitating these events. They really have got behind all our initiatives and continue to help us enormously, therefore making these such a success. Their help is invaluable and always appreciated.

Car Boot Sales

Now that the building work is almost finished, we feel there is a good opportunity to utilise the grounds during the weekend. We will therefore be holding a car boot sale over the next month or so (date tbc) in the school playground. This will be open to both you and the public to come along and set up your own sale, either via your car boot or table top. We are currently looking into the logistics of this and will give out more information soon.

Lego Club

We would like to say a big thank you to Emma White, Emma Proctor and Sandra Scarrat who continue to run the Lego Club every Monday, in their own time. Emma had the original idea to set up this club and spent endless hours collecting and washing the donated lego in order to give the children a fun after school club and to raise money for the school. Thank you Emma, Elaine & Sandra - you really are doing an amazing job and the children love it so much!

Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mirna Haddad who, in her own time, volunteered and ran this school year's Mini Mary's music session. With her help and enthusiasm, she managed to raise £433 for the PTA school fund. Well done Mirna.

Film Nights

Last term we trialled an Infants and a Juniors film night. This resulted in the Juniors night not being filled to full capacity for the first time ever. Therefore this time, we thought we would try something different. The aim is to ensure all children in the school are given a fair chance of getting a ticket and that we fill both nights. This time both films will be open to Infants and Juniors, but we will ask you to book only the one film. Once the films have been available to book for a week, if there are spaces available on either night we will open it to you all to book a second film if you wish.

As mentioned previously, we will continue to have the Code of Conduct in place so please do remind your children of this and what it means. Our aim is to ensure these nights are as enjoyable as possible and we will no longer continue to allow a small number of children to spoil it for the majority. Thank you to all of you who wholeheartedly supported this policy, it really is appreciated.

Sponsor Event – Jump for Joy Bounce-a-thon

Our fellow PTA comrades in Blue School told us about this amazing event. It's an opportunity to raise a significant amount for the school, as well as providing the children and teachers with some fitness fun and we are pleased to say Mr Marsh is fully behind this sponsored event.

This will be an all day event and will run during school hours, where children and teachers will be bouncing for money through sponsorship. At present we are looking into the setting up of Jump for Joy and we will have full details of this exciting and fun event soon – watch this space.

NOW FOR THE BIGGEST EVENT IN OUR CALENDAR..

Summer Fair – Friday 23rd June 2017

Yes it's on a Friday and we so hope you like the idea. We wanted to give the children, as well as all the teachers and volunteers, the opportunity to be involved in the event. During the lead up and on the day of the Summer Fair, we'll be asking the children to help set up and also run some of the stalls on the day. During the Christmas Fair, we saw many lovely moments where some of the older children really relished the opportunity to help out on the stalls and we have to say they really did themselves proud. This in turn gave us the idea to carry this through to the Summer Fair and give them another opportunity to take on some responsibility and become a real part of the whole event.

We will of course be asking for as many of you as possible to help, both leading up to and on the actual day of the fair. Last year we had over 70 of you volunteer and this year we hope we can get as many of you again to help. More details to follow.

Leading up to the Summer Fair we have arranged the following meetings:

Friday 19th May	09:00 – 11:00
Thursday 25th May	19:00 – 21:00
Friday 9th June	09:00 – 11:00
Thursday 15th June	19:00 – 21:00
19th – 23rd June is Prep week	

09:00-11:00 Meetings held at school / 19:00 – 21:00 Meetings held at The Swan.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at these meetings. Your help, suggestions and ideas on how to make our summer fair such a great success is invaluable. Please do try to come.

So... as you can see, we have plenty to keep us busy. We know we continue to ask a lot from you, both in time and financially, but as we've said along this whole journey, we do this purely for all our children at St Mary's and them alone. With the continued help from all of you, Mr Marsh, the teachers, Sam, Kirk and office team, we are well on our way to providing those extras at school (which normal government funding wouldn't support). In turn, those extras help make our children's time at St Mary's a little more special, particularly with the addition of their very own Shepherdess hut.

Here's to a very eventful Summer term ahead!

Best wishes,

Mell, Clare & Catalina

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Joint-Chair

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CLASS ATTENDANCE

8th May – 12th May 2017

SQUIRRELS	94.62%	Top Class 4S FANTASTIC! Our Attendance Target is 96%
BUMBLEBEES	90.67%	
DOLPHINS	95.33%	
1L	98.00%	
1P	98.33%	
2C	97.67%	
2F	96.67%	
3L	96.55%	
3M	95.86%	
4E	92.67%	
4S	99.35%	
YEAR 5	94.85%	
YEAR 6	95.94%	

Attendance Trial

It is now possible to get authorised leave for children who have an attendance percentage which is above 97%. I hope that being able to take an authorised term time holiday will act as an **incentive which will boost the attendance of all children.**

If your child does not have a record of outstanding attendance, 97% or higher, then I will not be authorising term time holiday.

Any child's attendance stats which are below the threshold of 90% will have their records passed to the local authority.

Following feedback I will operate this policy over 4 terms (this summer, the autumn, next spring and next summer) as a trial. I will continue to monitor the school's overall attendance percentages and I will report back to you over the course of the trial.