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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to **next Friday's** May Day celebration. The children have worked so hard to learn their dances in addition to learning songs to share with you all. We are delighted that governors, local clergy, the Director of Education for the Diocese and the Director of Education for Barnet Local Authority will also be joining us!

May Day Reminders:

[See this previous newsletter for details of what the children should wear.](#) May Day usually finishes at around 3.30pm.

If your child will be going home for lunch:

- Please be at the Church Hill Road gate at 11.25am. The children will be dismissed from class at 11.30am. Please collect them from the usual places.

If your child is staying at school for lunch:

- Please send a change of clothes/shoes in a plastic bag for them to wear for the event.

Arriving for May Day:

- The Church Hill Road gate will be open **from 1.15pm** and children should arrive dressed for the occasion.
- Children will come into the front playground through the large double gate and follow the track round on the left hand side, so that they do not have to make their way through a crowd of adults. We will section off this area of the playground for the children only.
- Mrs. Reid will be on the inner gate to meet the children in Reception.
- Visitors should not go into the coned off areas for the children so that they can come through.
- Adults should come through the central gate and will be directed to wait in the front playground away from the children and will be admitted once the children are in.
- Please be considerate of members of the public while you wait to come into school and avoid obstructing the pavement outside the school gate.
- Just a reminder – please don't bring dogs!

Preparing for May Day:

- Please keep an eye on the forecast – if it's going to be warm and sunny, please apply sun cream to your child before they come into school. Similarly, if it's forecast to be showery, please provide them with a shower proof jacket.
- On the day, your child will need:
 - water bottle

- cap/sun hat – weather dependent
- cardigan/light jacket – weather dependent

During May Day:

- We will have limited seating on the playground; you might want to bring your own fold up chair if you have one.
- Please clap for the children to show your appreciation for their hard work and wonderful dancing and singing.
- If you take photos or any videos of the children, **please do not share these on social media.**
- Please join us in singing the National Anthem (don't forget to sing God Save our Gracious King!).

After May Day:

- We'd really appreciate your help to clear the playground once our celebrations are over. We will explain at the time how visitors can help with this.
- Children will be dismissed from their usual locations.
- **Please keep children off the stage after May Day**, apart from Y6 who will be using the stage for precious group photos, given that this is their last one.

Netball Match:

On Tuesday of this week, our Y6 netballers played a friendly match against pupils from Danegrove school. I was incredibly impressed with the quality of play, the use of space and the accuracy of the passing and shooting. St. Mary's won both of their matches. I was most proud with how well-mannered and polite our pupils were; they were fantastic representatives of St. Mary's school and the values that we aim to uphold and demonstrate. They were incredibly gracious winners!

Many thanks to Y6 parent, Claire Driscoll for all of her hard work with teaching and coaching netball at St. Mary's. Claire volunteers her time each week to run our after school netball club for children in Y5 and Y6.



Supporting those in need:

Could you or someone you know, sponsor and accommodate a family of 2 from Ukraine? [Click here](#) to find out more. The government is offering an optional £350 payment to sponsors hosting 1 or more guests. Please share this information with friends and family who might be able to help. Necessary checks will be made to ensure that placements are safe, secure and appropriate. Please come and speak to me if you might be able to help or if you'd like to find out more.

- **May Day: Friday 26th May**
- Half term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Staff training day: Monday 5th June
- **Children return to school: Tuesday 6th June**
- Class and sibling photos: Wednesday 7th June
- Non uniform day: Thursday 8th June



From all of us at St Mary's, stay safe, stay well and our love and prayers are with you as always.

Maria Constantinou
Headteacher

