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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. It's been a busy few weeks in school since half term and there's lots coming up soon too so please add important information to your diaries!

Y6 residential visit:

Last week, most of Y6 were in Bude, North Cornwall enjoying lots of outdoor pursuits and sharing in some very special memories. There are lots more photos on the website, but here is just a flavour of what they got up to.

This was a particularly emotional trip given that it will be the final year that St. Mary's pupils go to Bude after nearly 30 years of visits.



Highlights from the children include:

Being able to stand up on the surf board!

Abseiling down a real cliff face and climbing up one too

Being with friends 😊



Choir performance at Arts Depot: A summary from Mrs. Haggan as music leader

The school choir have worked really hard since January learning a repertoire of six challenging songs for the Barnet Schools Music Festival. On Tuesday this really showed when the children sang as part of the massed choir to a full theatre of adults including the Mayor of Barnet. The children made the most of the fantastic opportunity to grow as musicians and performers and sang beautifully despite the nerves and excitement of performing in front of such a big crowd. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Well done!



Parents of pupils in the choir are able to order a copy of DVD/HD download of the performance by login to School Money by 7/7/23. Copies will be made available before the end of term.



Summer Fayre: This Saturday 24th June from 12-3pm.

Please come along and enjoy the Summer Fayre this weekend.

There will be lots of fun to be had and it will be a brilliant, and essential fundraiser for the school to work towards replacing the remaining interactive whiteboards in classrooms.

Bring your cash!

It's going to be a very warm day, so why not cool down by volunteering to go in the stocks for a bit of refreshment?!

There will be ice cream, delicious drinks, tasty food and plenty of exciting games and stalls to explore. We will also have a charity stall as always.

This year, we have chosen to support UCLH's Cancer Care charity which is a cause close to my heart. Find out a little more about why we have chosen this cause, and to see the work that this charity does to support patients and families, [take a look here](#).

Sports Day: Tuesday 27th June 1.30pm

The children have been developing their athletics skills this half term in PE and these will be on show on Tuesday next week in Sports Day in Oak Hill Park. The forecast is looking good for next week and as temperatures rise, **please make sure children wear sun cream and have a hat to wear. They should already have a bottle of water in school.**

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE KIT.



To help the afternoon run smoothly and safely, please:

- Observe from the opposite side to the classes, and remain there for the duration of the event.
- PLEASE DO NOT CROSS THE TRACK
- Please don't stand at the end of the finishing line, as this can disrupt the races
- Provide children with a hat and a bottle of water to bring to school in the morning
- Apply sun cream before school if needed
- Cheer all the children along and enjoy the afternoon!!
- Go back to the Church Hill Road entrance to the playground to collect children **at the end of Sports Day**, after the children have all left.
- For the safety of everyone, please **do not bring dogs**.

Children and Staff:

- Will sit in class groups alongside the track
- Staff will organise classes for events
- Staff will supervise the children back to school. Please don't walk with classes as the children can easily be separated from teachers
- Staff will bring children to the playground as normal at the end of the day.

We need your help!

- If there are any parents and carers that might be available to help Mr. Loveday to set up for the event **between 9-10am on the day**, please let me know when you see me on the gate, or give us a call on Monday.
- **Do you have a picnic blanket that we could borrow?** This year, if we get enough blankets, we'd like the children to sit on these instead of chairs for Sports Day. Please send any loaned blankets in with your child (with the class and your child's name on) ASAP!

Consultations:

- This will be a final opportunity for you to formally meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress this academic year and to review ongoing targets for further development. You will also have a chance to look at some of their learning.
- Consultations will take place in the week commencing 10th July.
- **We will send a text message to let you know when booking becomes available.**

Maths home learning:

We are really pleased to let you know that we will be using an interactive online subscription website for schools. This is called MyMaths.

MyMaths engages children, helping them to develop and consolidate their understanding of maths through a variety of interesting activities and games. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will start to have most of their maths home learning set by their teacher via MyMaths. Please look out for a letter that your child will be bringing home, which includes their login details and further information. We hope the children enjoy using it.



Reducing, Reusing, Recycling for our future:

Last month, the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) ran an exciting poster competition and we gave children the option of entering a design on the theme above.



Five posters were chosen by a judging panel at the NLWA and will be enlarged and placed on construction fencing at a new Eco Park located in Edmonton! Our lucky winners are Matilda T [1], Chioma [2], Chimaranma [3], Lucia [4] all in Y5 and Vicky from Y2 [5].



A big thank you to all of the children who took part. This project was a great opportunity to demonstrate and share the importance of caring for God's creation.

Wish lists:

Just a reminder that our Amazon Wish List for books can be accessed [here](https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/wishlists). The link to our wish list at the Children's Book Shop in Muswell Hill can be found here:

<https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/wishlists>. If your child has a birthday coming up, donating a book is a lovely way to celebrate!

Please note that if you'd like to donate an item from our playground equipment wish it [can be accessed here](#). Thank you in advance!

Food Bank Aid:

We are pleased to announce that St Mary's school will be running a collection for [Food Bank Aid](#). Food Bank Aid is a charity which supports over 25 independent food banks across North London by collecting, sorting and distributing food, toiletries and household items to over 14,000 people including 4,000 children. There has been a significant increase in people attending food banks, with rising energy and food prices coming into effect, and they need our help.

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**CHILDREN EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY DOUBLES
IN PAST YEAR**
Please donate to Food Bank Aid to help families who are struggling and are worried about how they will feed their children and teenagers over the holidays.

SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS SHOPPING LIST

 Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit, veg, desserts	 Longlife wraps
 Breakfast cereals & instant porridge	 Snacks: biscuits, crisps, crackers & cereal bars
 Instant noodles	 Small cartons of juice
 Tomato ketchup & Mayonnaise	 Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes & deodorant
 Jam, honey, Marmite	 Baby formula & nappies (large sizes)

St Mary's is delighted to help support such a worthy cause. We feel strongly as a school community we should help raise awareness of food poverty and engage particularly with our children about social responsibility, but most importantly help those families who are really struggling.

The collection will take place Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July. Please help us support this charity by bringing your donations to school on these days. Children will need to take donations to their classrooms.

On the flyer to the left, you will find a list of items most needed by the food banks.

Please give what you can.

With LOTS happening over the next few weeks, here is a list of all the major events. There will be more details to follow in the next few weeks, with regard to some of these:

- Summer Fayre – Saturday 24th June
- Sports Day – Tuesday 27th June
- Y6 swimming week: w/c 3rd July
- Food Bank donations: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July
- Y5 residential trip: 5th-7th July
- Y6 secondary transfer day: 6th July
- Y5 swimming week: w/c 10th July
- Consultations: w/c 10th July
- Y3 trip: Tuesday 11th July
- Y4 trip: Thursday 13th July
- Y5 and 6 end of year production: Wednesday 19th July at 7pm
- Fun day in school: Thursday 20th July (children come in sporty non uniform)
- Leavers' service: Friday 21st July



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

Maria Constantinou

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