

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 11th March 2022



@StMarys_SW8



Dear Parents,

Following your kindness and generosity earlier in the week, our Faith Friends took the donations you all provided to a charity in Balham, who will then deliver your donations to the families of Ukraine.

Thank you for your kindness. We continue to keep the families who are suffering during this conflict in our prayers.



Our Mission Statement

'A man took a grain of mustard seed and sewed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches'

Matthew 13.31

Parents Consultation Evening

Our next parents consultation evening will take place on

Thursday 31st March.

Please note school will close early on this day (timings to be confirmed).



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 31st March- Parents Consultations. School will close early.

Friday 1st April- Last day of Spring term. School will close early.

Tuesday 19th April- INSET day—school will be closed.

Wednesday 20th April- children's first day back.

Monday 2nd May- KS1 SATs will take place throughout May.

Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May- KS2 SATs

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



| Class | Attendance | Lates |
|-----------|------------|-------|
| Nursery | 95% | 3 |
| Reception | 98% | 6 |
| Year 1 | 93% | 7 |
| Year 2 | 99% | 7 |
| Year 3 | 96% | 5 |
| Year 4 | 93% | 2 |
| Year 5 | 89% | 4 |
| Year 6 | 93% | 6 |

Wednesday Word

St John Bosco founded the Salesian order to support and teach young children on the streets on Turin.

The Wednesday word this week is ENCOURAGEMENT

“The invitation at the transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another” - Pope Francis



Apply for crisis assistance for food and fuel

Crisis payments are awarded to cover short-term needs which prevent serious risk to the health and safety of a person or their family. The payments are intended to meet one-off needs rather than on-going expenses.

If you are interested or in need of help please see the link below.

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits-and-support/discretionary-support-grants/apply-for-crisis-assistance-for-food-and-fuel/>

Meet Natalie!

Natalie our 'school social worker' is in school every Wednesday if you would like any advice or support. If you have any questions or would like a chat— please pop in or call the school office.



School Term Dates 2022-2023

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth. These are our term dates for the academic year.

Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY: Thursday 1 September

First Day: Friday 2nd September

Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October

INSET DAY: Monday 31st October

First Day: 1st November

Last Day: Friday 16 December

Spring Term 2023

INSET DAY: Tuesday 3 January

First Day: Wednesday 4th January

Half term: Monday 13 to Friday 17 February

Last Day: Friday 31 March

Summer Term 2023

First Day: Monday 17 April

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

INSET DAY: Monday 5th June

First Day: Tuesday 6th June

Last Day: Friday 21 July

One INSET DAY TBC



Parish Ice-Skating Trip to Streatham Ice Rink

Dear Parishioners,

As a part of our Lenten journey this year we are organizing an **Ice-skating** trip for children aged 10+! **We think that this is a wonderful opportunity for children to connect and have fun together and we are very excited to have secured 20 places for 1 hour session in Streatham Ice Rink.**

When: Saturday, April 2nd, 2022

Where: Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre, session at 2.30pm

Cost: £7.60 per child, £8.10 per adult

Group discount: NO skate hire, saving of £2.55 per person

We will meet in front of SH Church on Saturday, April 2nd at 12.30-12.40pm latest. We will walk on Battersea High Street to the last bust stop on Battersea Park Rd (in front of Christchurch Gardens) to take the 319 bus. The journey is 18 stops long and takes about 40 min.

We will get off at St Leonard's Church in Streatham and walk down the hill towards the Leisure Centre, which takes about 20 min. The journey and the ice rink have been risk assessed; please feel free to see the Risk Assessment Form in the office and ask your Parish Priest any questions.

The children will be supervised by **5 adults** and always accompanied.

Children will need warm clothes: a winter coat, an extra pair of warm socks, gloves, a hat, a named water bottle, a named sandwich wrapped in a throw-away plastic bag or cling film (no plastic containers please) inside a named plastic bag (no backpack please).

Medical needs: named asthma inhalers/ epi pens.

Booking: Please book your child's place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Ice-skating is a very popular activity, and the places will go fast. To enjoy the benefits the cost must be paid **in full** prior to making the group booking **latest by Monday March 7th**.

Payment: Please make your payment on-line to the account details bellow using the reference 'ice', **for example. Jane Smith - ice**

Acc. Name: RCAS – Church of Sacred Heart Battersea

Acc. Number: 66707749

Sort Code: 50-21-01

If any parent (able to ice-skate) is happy to volunteer for the trip, s/he is very welcome.

You will need to fill a **Consent Form** and a **Medical Form** for each child.

We are looking forward to a brilliant day out!



Journeying Together Through Lent

Lent is a time of new beginnings. Why not try **something new** this year and share your journey through Lent with other families in our Parish.

We have prepared 6 creative workshops for children/ families using drama, art & craft, science & games to explore the themes of trust, forgiveness, prayer and the new life.

The sessions will take place every Saturday at 3-5pm in Sacred Heart Church.

The sessions are on Saturdays: March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, April 9th.

For **next Saturday, March 5th**, can you please let your child bring a backpack with few items: a thing that your child needs every day, another thing that s/he likes, some things from their room that they have, but do not need every day. If you are attending as a family, please bring these items for each one.

On **Saturday April 2nd at 2.30 pm** we have secured 20 places for 1 hour long **ice-skating session** for children **aged 10** and over in the **Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre**. [Due to the group booking we will enjoy a free skate hire!](#)

We will be travelling together by 319 bus. The journey and the ice rink have been risk assessed. The children will be supervised by **5 adults** and always accompanied. There is a charge for this trip, so if you are interested, please collect the information letter, the Consent Form and the Medical Form and make the payment latest by March 7th. Please book your child's place as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

[If any parent \(able to ice-skate\) is happy to volunteer for the trip, s/he is very welcome.](#)

[We think that this is a wonderful opportunity for children in our Parish family to connect and have fun together.](#)

Please fill a sheet in the hall to indicate your interest, which will help us to provide enough resources.