



St Mary's Newsletter



March 2017



During the last week of term the children will be reflecting upon the Easter Story. Each day there will be a special prayer focus. If you are able, please join us on Thursday at 2pm for the Passion play led by Years 3 & 4 and Friday at 2.15pm for Stations of the Cross led by Year 6. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and wish you a Happy and Holy Easter.



Green Tree School



We are launching an exciting Outdoor Learning venture. We have already begun to weed and plant our growing garden and beds outside classrooms. Our vision is to promote outdoor learning and all its benefits. This ties in with our Growth Mindset approach to learning which our children have embraced enthusiastically.

We are planning to develop the courtyard area outside the Hall into an "outdoor classroom" to help us deliver year round outdoor learning. Our fundraising activities will be aimed at this. Plans will soon be available to view.

In the short term we would love donations of gardening tools e.g. trowels, forks, small gloves, compost, wheel barrows. We would also love to receive any plants, seeds and bulbs.



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Friends

100 CLUB

The results of the March draws performed by Gavin Pearce and Sharon O'Toole are:

	Mar-17		Prize
1st prize	83	No winner*	£30.11
2nd prize	88	Betty Williamson	£18.06
3rd prize	74	No winner*	£12.04

* Winnings rolled-over to April draw

The prize fund for the April draw currently stands at £65.65. With five draws left this academic year, there is still plenty of time to join the 100 club. Prices are now £5 per number. You can pick up a form from the school office.

Children's Fashion Show – Saturday 22nd April at 2pm

There are still some places left for models – boys and girls (in particular years 4, 5 and 6). If your child would like to participate, please let the school office know by Thursday 30th March. Tickets are available from your class rep or the office priced £5 for adults and £1 for children (models are free).

Help Needed!!

We need parents to help with the fashion show (getting children ready, selling raffle tickets/refreshments, manning the door and sales desk). We also still need a new infant parent to help organise the infant party. If you would like to help, please speak to the office or your class rep.



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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

School Governors provide **strategic leadership** and **accountability** in schools. Governors appoint the Head Teacher and Leadership Team and undertake the Head Teacher's performance review.

The role of the governing board is a strategic one. Its key functions are to:

- set the **aims** and **objectives** for the school
- set the **policies** for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the **targets** for measuring the achievement of those aims and objectives
- **monitor** and **evaluate** the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of **challenge** and **support** to the Head Teacher (a critical friend)

It is governors who hold the main **responsibility for finance** in schools and work with the Head Teacher to make the tough decisions about **balancing resources**.

Governors aren't involved with the day-to-day running of the school, as the head teacher is the first port of call for how the aims and objectives of the school are implemented. Of course, it doesn't stop them helping out if the Head Teacher asks!

Next time we'll introduce the board members, the committees and what they do.

To learn more or find out how to get in touch with the governors, visit <https://www.stmarysroyston.co.uk/our-school/governors>

[Come and play Cricket](#)



Knebworth Park Cricket Club is looking for girls and boys aged 6-14 years to come and try a fantastic two week free trial this season, starting in April 2017. We will provide all the equipment and our qualified and DBS-checked coaches will provide fun, friendly and interactive sessions. There are limited spaces available, so please contact David on 07970 071777 to secure your place - and who knows, your child could be the next Joe Root, Ian Botham or Charlotte Edwards!



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DATES

Thursday 30th March

The Passion Play, 2pm

Friday 31st March

Stations of the Cross, 2.15pm
School closes at 2.45pm

Easter Holidays 3rd April to 17th April inclusive

Tuesday 18th April

School re-opens at 8.50am

Saturday 22nd April

Friends Children's Fashion Show,
2 - 4pm

Monday 24th April

Wye Valley trip meeting, 2.45pm

Summer Holiday Club

Please let the Office know if you are interested in the proposed Holiday club for the first week of the Summer holidays, we need to have enough interest be able to go ahead.



Thank you for supporting the Red Nose Day appeal, the school managed to raise £234.55

Please Remember.....

School Closes for Easter at 2.45pm on Friday 31st March

