



St Mary's Newsletter



March 2019



Lent Prayer

God of love, rich in justice and mercy, as I turn back to you this Lent, inspire me to reach out to others with compassion and love. May my Lenten journey of prayer and almsgiving open my eyes to the dignity of each person. Amen



MISSION TOGETHER Children Helping Children

Lent is a time of preparation. In school we prepare by praying compline together on a Tuesday afternoon. On Fridays we are reminded of Jesus' final journey before crucifixion when KS2 celebrate Stations of the Cross. Almsgiving is another important preparation and your children will soon be asking you to sponsor them for an activity. All monies will go to Mission Together. This year the focus is "Together in Jordan". The children will learn about this during Lent, and will be helping Children across the World. You will be proud to know that our Year 6 pupils will be assisting with Lenten lunches from Wednesday.



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100 CLUB - You need to be in it to win it!

100 CLUB – Join now to help raise funds for the school and have the chance to win a cash prize.

The result of the February 2019 draw is as follows:

	Feb-19		Prize
1st prize	90	Anne & John Williams	£26.71
2nd prize	24	Ginche Parker	£16.03
3rd prize	63	No winner*	£10.68

* Winnings rolled-over to March draw

Congratulations to our February winners.

If you would like to join the 100 club and be in with a chance to win, pick up an application form from the school office. It is just £1 per number per month, so if you join now you pay just £6 per number for the remaining draws of the year!

We are very excited and extremely grateful that Miss Chapman has volunteered to run the 2019 Virgin London Marathon on 28th April marathon to raise money for the school. Thank you to those who have donated. To support Miss Chapman and St Mary's, follow the link below to donate!

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EllaChapman2/1?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=fundraiser&utm_term=socialshare&utm_content=fundraisingpage

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Cake Sale - Friday 8th March 3pm in the Gazebo.

Quiz Night - Friday 15th March 7.30pm in the School Hall – tickets available from class reps or the office.

Infant Party – Thursday 21st March 3.30 in the school School Hall – tickets available from class reps or the office

Uniform Sale - Friday 22nd March 3pm in the Gazebo

Mother's Day Sale - 28th & 29th March 3pm in the Gazebo

Other easy ways you can help to raise funds:

1. Are you using Easyfundraising when buying online? You can use it when shopping with High Street Stores, Amazon, eBay, booking a holiday, hiring a car and loads more ...

It's really easy and completely free, while raising money for our school, just follow the link below

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmarys/>

2. If you were not already aware there are a couple of local businesses who are offering donations to the school if the school generate business for them. They detail are as follows:

Abbott's Travel - Booking your next holiday? Please mention St Mary's and we will receive a donation.

Buying/Selling a house? Need mortgage advice? "Mortgage Quest" have agreed to donate 10% from their commissions received to St Mary's for all new business generated through St Marys School. For more information please contact Nicholas.peer@outlook.com, 43 Kneesworth St, Royston, Herts, SG8 5AB.

The next friends meeting will be on at the Banyers. Please come along and share any fundraising ideas you may have with us.



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NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

A Squash and a Squeeze – the need for extra space

You may be thinking, "is this what the governors are reading for World Book Day?". While it is an excellent book, it is actually the case that Mrs Pearce, the governors and various members of staff have been discussing the need for extra space at the school.

There are many potential needs for space, such as: one-to-one meetings with parents; activities area for small groups; and opening up the opportunity to expand holiday clubs.

We have been looking into the various options, costs and benefits of expanding the school in different ways – in particular, adding a self-contained unit in a position that can be accessed without needing to go through the school.



An illustration of where a self-contained unit might go

As you can imagine, building projects aren't cheap, but the governing body feel strongly that securing the future of the school is worth the investment and we should be able to cover the bulk of the cost using capital grant money. Nevertheless at some point soon - once the plans become more concrete - we may be getting in touch to ask for your help in various ways. We will endeavour to provide monthly updates in the newsletter as plans develop further.

...and continuing the E-Safety theme from last month

Mrs Cooke has recommended a great website which contains one-page guides to various online platforms and games for parents and carers. We will be featuring a different guide each month in the newsletter. This month, we've included the guide to "seven questions" you can ask your children.

If you'd like to find out about a particular game, site or social network, all the guides can be found here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

To learn more about who the governors are, what they do, and how to get in touch: please visit <https://www.stmarysrovston.co.uk/our-school/governors>



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Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - All children to dress as a book character
Friday 8 th March	Y4 Cake sale, 3pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Golden Mile Launch
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Day (own clothes day for £1) FOSM Quiz Night, school hall, 7.30pm
WB 18 th March	Church Centenary celebrations
Thursday 21 st March	Infant party, 3.30 - 5.30 School Hall
Friday 22 nd March	Uniform sale in Gazebo, 3pm
Sunday 24 th March	Church Celebrates Centenary Mass, see Church Newsletter for details.
WB Monday 25 th March	Big Pedal
Friday 29 th March	Mother's Day Sale
Monday 1 st April	Passion Play Y3 & Y4, Parents welcome
Friday 5 th April	Stations of the Cross, 1.45pm

School Finishes 2.45pm

Easter Holidays 8th April - 22nd April inclusive

Tuesday 23rd April

School re-opens at 8.50am