

St Mary's News



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Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you? **Matthew 18:33**

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel reading on Sunday, Peter asks Jesus "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me?"

Jesus responds with a story about a servant who was shown mercy by the king when the servant could not repay a large debt. However, that servant did not show the same kindness to someone who owed him a very small amount of money; he put this person in prison as a punishment. When the king found out what had happened, he said to the servant "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?"

This message is as important for us today as it was for those who first heard this story. Through this story, Jesus is also telling us about the sacrifice of his crucifixion. Jesus died to clear our debt of sin and he asks us to forgive others not once, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Jesus is telling us there should be no limits to our forgiving nature; Jesus' love is unlimited and we are called to be like him.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on a time when someone forgave you for a mistake or an unkind act. Take this time to think about someone who would benefit from forgiveness. Ask Jesus to help them know they too can receive his merciful kindness.

Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic.

(Pope St John Paul II)

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven

(St Teresa of Calcutta)



Attendance

During week beginning 4 September 2017, Classes EYFS 1, 1P, 3Q, 4A and 6H had 100% attendance.

All children may arrive from 8.20am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Ms Rebecca Evans - R.I.P

Many parents have asked about the arrangements for Rebecca's funeral. The family are very happy for us to share this information with you.

Rebecca's funeral will take place on Thursday 28 September 2017 at 12.15pm at The Sacred Heart Parish in Quex Road. The school will be closed all day on this date.

Human Trafficking

Fr Alex from The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has invited the parents to a meeting at his parish on Tuesday 19 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The meeting will provide practical advice on combatting human trafficking and modern slavery in our community. One of the key speakers will be Bishop Nicholas Hudson.

First Holy Communion 2018

Fr Alex from The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish invites families from Years 3 to 6 whose children have not made their First Holy Communion to register before 28 September 2017.

Meet and Greet the Teacher

Thank you to all our parents who attended the meetings this week. It was an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and to hear their expectations of your children for this year. During the course of this term you will be invited to meet the teacher to discuss your child's academic progress after school. The class teacher will let you know in advance when it is your appointment.

Chessington World of Adventures

To celebrate the children who achieved 100% attendance last year we took them to Chessington World of Adventures! We also invited the children from 2P who, as a class, achieved 100% attendance.

Children saw many attractions, including the zoo animals, and went on all kinds of rollercoaster rides such as The Gruffalo Experience, Vampire, Rattlesnake, Dragon Falls, Dragon's Fury, The Cobra, The Black Buccaneer as well as many others. They had a fantastic time!



Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all our parents who have ensured their children have returned to school in perfect uniform. Although quite early in the Autumn Term, it has become colder in the mornings. A range of school coat sizes are available for purchase from our school office. Children must also wear the official school hats and scarves which can be purchased from our school outfitters, Ace Clothing.

With just a small number of children presenting at school with incorrect items of uniform, please be reminded about these key points:

- One single or one pair of small, discrete plain gold or silver round studs in pierced ears are permissible. Do not allow your child to wear any other type of earring.
- Long hair must be tied back as a health and safety measure. Please also ensure that your child's hairstyle does not obscure their vision.
- Please ensure that uniform fits your child well and is in good repair. Skirts should be knee length.

Star of the Week

Name	Class	Reason for nomination
Naomi	EYFS 1	For very good behaviour and using her manners
Sarah	EYFS 2	For excellent behaviour
Augusto	1P	For helping others and being a supportive friend
Hosanna	2M	For beginning the school year with lovely manners
Ishini	3M	For working hard in all lessons
Matthias	3Q	For lovely manners and his neat handwriting
Elroy	4A	For starting the year with wonderful hard work and motivation
Jayden	4G	For helping others, excellent behaviour and manners
Solomon	5O	For making a fantastic effort in Mathematics and a great start to Year 5
Yusuf	5P	For displaying lovely manners each day
Hamza	6H	For verbally constructing full sentences for answering comprehension activities
Daniel	6M	For making a great start in Year 6

Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices.

Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

Safeguarding

St Mary's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Executive Headmistress and Associate Head of School to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

St Mary's Mission Statement

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing our belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

Our School Mission is as follows:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ