



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful half term break and that you are all rested and recharged. It has been lovely spending time in the classrooms this week and seeing all the magical learning that is taking place, the knowledge that is being built upon and the children's positive and motivated attitudes. It has been a real privilege. There are so many great things happening over this term and we look forward to keeping you regularly updated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Please remember in your prayers those who have died. During the month of November, we will pray for the loved ones of our school community who have passed away, recently or in the past. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The theme for yesterday's Collective Worship was 'Light' as we came together in celebration of Diwali. Diwali is known as 'The Festival of Light' and is recognised as a time of new beginnings. It is celebrated by some of our school families.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Here is the link to this week's Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=39.20>

CROSS COUNTRY – 06.11.2021

There is a cross country race at Woodbank park on Saturday. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The races start at 10.30am. We would advise arriving 15 minutes beforehand. Please find and check in with Miss Poole on arrival who will be overseeing the event this weekend.

STRICTLY ST RALPH

Just a massive well done and congratulations to both Miss Barnie and Mrs Ashton for their superb dancing efforts as they performed magnificently during the Strictly St Ralph competition. Anyone who was lucky enough to catch a preview of their act just before we broke up will agree how good they looked and they certainly didn't disappoint on the night. They would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the charity event – the bakers, the helpers, for all the donations and your good wishes. A superb total of over **£300 was raised for the Mind charity**. The final words go to the ladies. "We thoroughly enjoyed our experience and the opportunity to represent our school. Although we didn't bring home the trophy this time, there is always next year!"

PARENTS EVENING

Please follow the links for details of how to book parents evening slots for next week. Attached with this bulletin are the instructions just in case.

<https://stmaryscatholicvamarplebridge.schoolcloud.co.uk>

HOME LEARNING

For those children having to isolate at home presently, we have uploaded work on to the class pages in MS Teams. Please note that there is no expectation to complete work if they are unwell.



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JUST A QUICK REMINDER

Please ensure that children **only** have water with them in school and that includes in their lunchboxes too.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Over the past week we have noticed a marked increase with families taking children out of school for a holiday. Some instances have been totally unavoidable (flight time change) and we accept this. We do not want to come across as showing a lack of understanding, particularly, after the tricky period we have been through, but holidays in term time, unless for an exceptional circumstance will not be authorised. You will also need to request any potential time off. When we return after the half term break, we will be implementing a 'Holiday Request' form which will be available from the office. This will need to be completed and handed back to school. Many thanks for your support and understanding in this matter.

THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to our magnificent PTA. I am sure you have all noticed the wonderful new decking and Trim Trail on the top playground which has been funded entirely by the team. We so, so grateful for all that they do in support of St Mary's and this is just another example. The children will benefit from this for years to come and will have hours of fun!!

CLASS CHARITIES

We are going to be launching our class charities this half term and we are hoping the children will help decide which charity their class could pick. Any suggestions from yourselves will be greatly appreciated.

POPPY APPEAL

At the school office we have a range of items, as well as traditional poppies that can be bought in support of the annual RBL Poppy Appeal. We also have A3 posters for displaying in a window, we will send one home for each family. If you feel able to donate they have suggested a £1 donation for each poster.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photos on Friday 19 November. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions they are not able to offer photos for pre school siblings.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Possibilities are endless; grasp them, cherish them and make the most of them.

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole