



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

<http://www.st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk/>

St Mary's Parish: <http://stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk/>

Holy Spirit Parish: <https://www.holyspiritmarple.com/>

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A QUICK UPDATE

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the weekend. We are delighted to announce that covid cases at St Mary's are very much on the decline and the position is much more stable than a couple of weeks ago. Many, many thanks for all that you are doing/have done to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will remain as we are for the immediate future re: existing safety measures, pick up points and limited mixing but we are very hopeful of being able to review this soon.

We are, however, in a position to open the doors once again for the following events in October.

For all events next week (04.10.2021-08.10.2021) face coverings must be worn.

04.10.2021 – Year 1-6 drop in for parents/carers – 3.30pm – 4.00pm

07.10.2021 – Nursery curriculum evening – 5.00pm – 6.00pm

07.10.2021 – Reception curriculum evening – 6.00pm – 7.00pm

08.10.2021 – Year 1-6 drop in for parents/carers – 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Rescheduled event – Reception and Year 6 'Special Friends' assembly. 15.10.2021 – 10.00am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY

Our collective worship this week afforded the opportunity for us to celebrate languages and cultures, within Europe and beyond. We learnt how to how to make the sign of the cross in French and broadened our cultural capital. Taking the trouble to learn another language shows that we care about being able to communicate with others and that we are thinking of others. It shows also, that we like a challenge and that we are keen to always keeping learning. Learning a language can help us to achieve what Pope Francis asks of us.

OUR VERY OWN LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

What a great role to have... Congratulations to the following children.

Reception – Aiden and Charles

Year 1 – Diana and Mathieu

Year 2 – Lois and Isaiah

Year 3 – Jem and Ophelia

Year 4 – Anna and Sadie

Year 5 – Elisha, Jack and Tate

Year 6 - Poppy and Gerry

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As a school we very much supportive of children, if they so wish, making their First Holy Communion. It is such a special sacrament and one that allows children to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. Both myself and Mrs Thompson have held an initial meeting with Father Daniel and we have a follow up meeting scheduled for next week. We are also looking to meet with Father Bill in the very near future with the hope of establishing a process for the journey of preparation. We are fully committed to re-establish strong and fruitful links with home, school and Church.



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Please see Mass timings below for the parishes.

Saturday - St Mary's, Marple Bridge, 6.30pm, Holy Spirit, 6.00pm

Sunday - St Mary's, New Mills, 9.00am, St Mary's, Marple Bridge, 12.00, Holy Spirit, 9.00am

Thank you for your time. We would really be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete the interactive survey form which can be accessed via the link below. This is our second survey of three and we were delighted with the number of responses we received previously. This survey is all about RE at St Mary's and will really support our preparation for the forthcoming DCI inspection.

<https://forms.office.com/r/i9Ztqg8a6U>

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>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

A **BIG** thank you for getting behind this fabulous charity and initiative. The children all looked brilliant, resplendent in green and they have enjoyed finding out about all the wonderful work that Cafod does. Thanks to your generosity and support we have raised a magnificent £188 which is just tremendous.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to Joseph B who was one of three selected winners in the Stockport Landmark Art Challenge. This is a wonderful achievement and he can be so proud of his efforts; we certainly are. Please see below for the official write up (edited for anonymity)

A big congratulations and thank you to everyone who entered the Stockport Landmark Art Challenge. There were some amazing entries and well done to everyone, the drawings were of a really high standard. It was very difficult deciding the winners but we managed to select three including Joseph B from St Marys Marple, Bridge.

The Lego masters are currently building your designs and a how to video so you can build them too. Once the winning entries have been built we will invite you to come along to Stockport Town Hall to receive your prizes from the Mayor. We will be in touch once we have this date finalised, hopefully this half term.

THE VERY BEST OF LUCK MRS ASHTON

We are all right behind Mrs Ashton as she prepares to run the London Marathon this coming Sunday. After smashing the Wilmslow Half Marathon last month. Mrs Ashton is well placed to tackle the small matter of 26 miles and 385 yards. I am tired just writing this, phew! We are very proud of her and I am sure you will join me in sending her all our best wishes.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Friday 8th October 2021 is World Mental Health Day and we are asking all children to wear an **item of yellow** with their uniform and to donate £1, which will form part of our contribution to the Healthy Young Minds organisation. This is a wonderful charity which does so much to support children and young adults.

WELLSPRING HARVEST WISH LIST

Many thanks for your generosity once again and for all your donations. It really is appreciated. The cut off day is next Friday (**08.10.2021**) so if you can still help if you are able to and donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off with the school office.

OPEN EVENING AT HARRYTOWN

Harrytown High School will be holding their open evening on the 14th of October 2021. **Please refer to las weeks' flyer for more details.**

A FINAL THOUGHT

No matter how small, a helping hand is sometimes all that is needed.

Wishing everyone a well-deserved and happy weekend!

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole

Please see details below for our Holiday Club.

Holiday Club booking form for

£20 per child per booking

Tuesday
26 October 2021

Wednesday
27 October 2021

Thursday
28 October 2021

All children will need to bring a packed lunch (NO NUTS of any kind)
and a drink in a bottle that can be refilled if required.

In view of Covid19 the club is limited to 20 places per day and we will follow procedures for social distancing and hygiene. Club is open from 08:30 - 17:30. Children may not attend Holiday Club if they are showing any symptoms of Covid19 or have had a positive PCR result in the previous 10 days.

All places booked must be paid by Friday 15 October at the latest.

As we have a waiting list your place could be reallocated if unpaid.

Account Name: St Mary's Kids Club Account no: 40509001 Sort Code: 01 05 51

All enquiries/ bookings should be sent to sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk
Holiday Club Manager, Laura Corbett (*was* Young - married last July)
can be contacted on the school phone during Holiday Club opening or 07500 043948