



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school. Thank you for all the good wishes, gifts, cards and messages that the staff received at the end of term; we appreciate the ongoing support of parents and we love working with your children. We hope all our children and their families have enjoyed the blessing of Christmas and returned with renewed energy as we begin 2022.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

In Collective Worship this week, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, focussing not only on the gifts brought to Jesus by the Wise Men, but also on the gifts we can share with each other, every day. The children had some fantastic ideas of gifts they could share with others; peace, kindness, love, generosity and honesty to name a few.

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>

APPEAL FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. All parents should have received a nomination form this week. Please return your nomination forms to the School Office before 28th January. If you need more information, please contact school.

THANK YOU

It was lovely to hear so many positive responses to the cards we sent to the neighbours before the festive break and we have also received a beautiful letter from Smithy Court thanking us for the DVD and letters sent by Year 6. It really made their Christmas!

THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT

This week, the whole school has been reading and responding to a story called, "The Day the Crayons Quit". The children have taken part in a variety of activities which involved many cross-curricular links e.g. art, science, PSHE and maths. In English, we have all been writing a letter to Duncan from a crayon colour explaining why they have quit the crayon box. Imagination and creativity was demonstrated in abundance across our school. On Friday the whole school dressed in different colours, we loved seeing our school drenched in different colours and it certainly cheered up a dark and miserable Friday!

YEAR 4 ROMAN WORKSHOP

The Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their Roman Experience Day on Wednesday -what a fantastic learning opportunity! They experienced what it was like to be a Roman soldier, finding out about different tactics and ways of fighting. They further developed their knowing by learning about daily life; clothes, food, games, armour –they even sat on a Roman toilet! The children re-enacted the battle between the Romans and Boudicca and her Iceni warriors and were very excited to take part in some Gladiatorial games!



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NURSERY CLASS CHARITY

Before Christmas the Nursery children collected books, games and gifts to be distributed to families who have recently arrived from Afghanistan. The gifts were made into Christmas boxes for the children and we have been told that they were extremely happy and excited to have received them.

LENT TERM CLASS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to Annabelle T, Annelle C, Evie S, Aoife W, Evan R and James B who have been elected class captains for the Lent Term. It was fantastic presenting them with their certificates and badges at last week's assemblies and to hear all the wonderful comments coming from their peers. We are certain they will be superb representatives for St Mary's.

EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND POLICY

This is an initiative by the St Ralph Sherwin Trust and is designed to provide financial assistance for pupils who might otherwise miss out on important aspects of their education/school experiences and is intended to support those most in need. If you would like further details and to find out about the application process, then please contact the school office. Applications will be treated in the upmost confidence.

GARDENING WORKING PARTY

Help needed!! We have the following project in mind. Installation of the two water bowsers and connection to the school roof drainage system

In order to support the fantastic Gardening groups which are running across the school the team would like to install an eco-friendly way of collecting and using water. We are now in the final stages of organising and installing this vital resource, but we need a team of helpers to lend a hand. We are proposing a working party day on a Sunday after Christmas. Alongside the installation of the water bowsers we also need to re-site some raised beds to provide easier access to them for children. If you are interested in lending a hand, please can you let Mrs Bradbury know and we can find a convenient date to complete this exciting project! Thank you in advance for your continued support.

GARDENING COMPETITION

Please see attached Powerpoint for further details of this exciting opportunity. Mrs Bradbury has spoken to the children about this during today's assemblies.

EARRINGS

No jewellery should be worn in school, including earrings. If your child has newly pierced ears, please let us know; ears should be covered with tape each day and, after the 6 week period, earrings removed for school in the usual pattern.

PARKING ON LOWRY DRIVE

We ask politely that you do not drive down or park on Lowry Drive. We are noticing more and more cars using the road which is causing problems for all. The volume has actually increased since we have returned from the Christmas break and is now becoming a real health and safety issue. **Please refrain from parking here.** We appreciate how busy pick up and drop off times are but we really would value your support with this request. We also ask that you remain respectful of our neighbours. Please do not park over driveways or idle unnecessarily. We do not want to sound officious but we have a duty of care and respect for all. Many thanks in advance.

SOCCER SCHOOL WITH UK SPORTS

Calling all Reception to Y6 girls and boys. We are offering weekly football coaching sessions for players based in Stockport. With over 22 years experience in grassroots football coaching, our focus remains the same...to keep things fun, challenging and effective. At Brinnington Park Leisure Complex. Please feel free to WhatsApp message to book 07891205763

For more information or to book a **FREE** taster session:

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Keep your face towards the sunshine and good days will come

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole

Holiday Club

booking form for February half term

£20 per child per booking

**Tuesday
15 February
2022**

**Wednesday
16 February 2022**

**Thursday
17 February
2022**

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 08:00 - 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 7 days.

All places booked must be paid by Friday 4 February 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 lbcorbett21@gmail.com

Laura Corbett, Holiday Club Manager

can be contacted on the school phone during Holiday Club opening or 07500 043948