



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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INFORMATION

We just wanted to say thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe by following and respecting any guidance and requests that we have communicated out. There have been a number of positive cases across school which we have successfully and safely managed. Thank you also for your kind words and support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 4 led a beautiful whole school Act of Worship this week all about Candlemass which is also known as the feast of the presentation of our Lord. It is one of the oldest feasts in the Christian Church and represents the light and warmth that Jesus brought to the world. Candlemass day is celebrated each year on the 2nd of February. People throughout the world take their candles to Church to be blessed on this day before returning home with them where they are displayed in windows and used all year round. This week we have been thinking and showing how we can spread the light of Christ to all whom we meet.

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>

YEAR 5 AND 6 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Golf team who performed brilliantly last night as they were crowned Tri-Golf champions! Throughout the competition the team showed brilliant support for each other, a high level of skill and fantastic sportsmanship. I know that Mrs Ashton was impressed with them and we are very proud of the players. Well done team! #bringinghomethemedals

We have enjoyed a successful couple of sporting weeks at St Mary's which just goes to show what a talented bunch of children we have.

PARENT GOVERNOR UPDATE

We have 3 fabulous candidates for the role; Rachel Brislane, Sarah Groake Booth and Helen Mulryan. You will have seen their personal statements and have received the required voting documentation. Just a quick reminder that each parent can submit one ballot paper for their chosen candidate marked clearly with an **X**. The deadline for voting is next Thursday, 4.00pm. The ballot box is located next to the school entrance.

WE ARE LIVE!!

Our new website is now up and running and it looks brilliant! The new address is www.stmarysmarplebridge.srscmat.co.uk but if you use the old one you will be redirected here too. Please have a look at it and let us know what you think. All the information you need will be on the new website including the latest term dates.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We have had a fantastic NSPCC number day today and it was brilliant to see all the children and staff dressed in numbers, patterns and stripes, all in aid of such a wonderful charity. It certainly created a positive buzz around the school and it was great to see a sea of colour during assembly time this afternoon. Thank you for your support. The total amount raised will be shared next week.



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PLACE 2 BE U

Next week we will be supporting Children's mental Health week. Throughout the week we will be discussing ways in which to look after our mental health. **On Friday all children are invited to 'Dress to Express'** which is the theme this year. Children can dress in whatever they feel expresses who they are; .i.e. what clothes you feel most yourself in. For example, this might be jeans and a comfy jumper, pyjamas, onesie, jogging suit, fancy dress, school/club uniform. If you would like to donate to the children's mental health charity, Place 2 Be You, you are more than welcome to bring in £1. This is completely voluntary.

Please see the attached information, which is from Stockport, detailing how to get further involved with Children's Mental Health Awareness week 2022.

GARDENING COMPETITION

Just a quick reminder that today is the deadline for the gardening competition. We have received some magnificent entries and the uptake has been really pleasing. We look forward to sharing the results with you.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES FAMILY CHALLENGE

Just a quick flag to the attachment which was sent out last week regarding the 'Bounce to Birmingham' Family Challenge. It looks like a great event to get involved with.

YEAR 6 SAT AND PGL MEETING

We are delighted to be able to welcome Year 6 parents and carers to a combined SAT and PGL meeting on **Thursday 10th February 2022**. The meeting is scheduled for 6pm and will take place in the hall. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent evening meetings in March will take place in person in school on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** and **Wednesday 9th March 2022**. Specific details about the booking process and the evening's format will follow next week.

Some of your children's books will be sent home next week, please will you send your child in with a plastic bag on Monday. Thank you

CLASS CHARITIES

Please see the names of the class charities selected this year. It is great that we can reach out and make a difference to so many worthy causes. Thank you for all support and generosity.

Nursery: Supporting families arriving from Afghanistan

Reception: Children in Need

Year 1: WWF

Year 2: Cafod

Year 3: Water Aid

Year 4: Adventure Farm Trust

Year 5: SOFT UK

Year 6: Cancer Research

PTFA AGM

The date for the AGM is **Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm in school** and we are really looking forward to seeing you there. The PTFA is such a strength of St Mary's and makes a real positive impact for all our children, families and the community. We are lucky to have you on board.

HOUSE POINTS

Please see the latest house point totals. It's certainly a close run thing with Blue team nudging ahead.

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
1262	1346	1364	1304

A MASSIVE THANK YOU

To our intrepid gardeners for giving up their time last Sunday to help build, construct, clean, tidy, prune and move a whole range of equipment and structures. The weather was really kind and the group were able to achieve a lot and make a real difference to the outside area. We are extremely grateful for all their support and we have made such a good start on what is a very exciting project for St Mary's and fits in with the wider cmat sustainability vision.

FEBRUARY INSET DAYS

We have two Inset days planned for February 2022 where school will be closed to children. They are **Monday 21st February 2022** and **Monday 28th February 2022**.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Sometimes the most unexpected events lead us to the right places

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole