



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A QUICK MESSAGE

We hope this bulletin finds you all well. Please look out for a letter from Trust CEO Sean McClafferty who will be retiring in the summer. Mr McClafferty has been a great support to St Mary's over the past 4 years becoming a good friend to the school. We will miss him and wish him well with his next endeavours.

Many thanks for supporting last week's NSPCC Number Day and for donating generously. We have raised a superb £180 which is great and will really benefit this wonderful organisation. A BIG thank you also for supporting Year 6 who held their very own cake sale last Friday afterschool. They managed to raise an unbelievable £128 in 30 minutes!! Just brilliant, and again in aid of such a worthy cause.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents/carers who came to last night's SATs/PGL meeting. We hope that you found them informative and that we were able to answer any questions you may have had.

Please can you spare 5 minutes to complete a quick survey re: Character Education. We place a real importance on promoting pupil leadership and in supporting children's understanding and development in this area. Your support is really appreciated; thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZU6i2D2Gee>

We have had some fabulous Gardening competition entries; stand by for the grand announcement after the half term.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 6 led a beautiful whole school Act of Worship this week linked to their class charity of Cancer Research UK. They discussed how raising money for charities strengthens our character by teaching us to be generous, kind and compassionate. They spread awareness of the purpose of their charity and talked about the people it supports.

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>

PARENT GOVERNOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to our three candidates and to Mrs Major and Mrs Chrippes for overseeing the count this morning. Nick O'Brien our Chair of Governors will be in touch with all 3 candidates over half term and we will be able to announce the name of the successful candidate as soon as DBS checks have been completed.

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.



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56 MILES IN FEBRUARY – RUNNING FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

Mrs Bradbury has taken on this challenge and this week has been supported by Reception class on Monday and the lunchtime Wellbeing workshop on Friday with lots of children joining her for part of her 2 mile a day run. This is especially important in Children's mental health week for the children to enjoy the outside and feel the value of exercise and fresh air to help to improve their mental health. Thank you to all who are supporting her in this fundraising challenge. If you wish to donate, please follow this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sarahs-run-56-giving-page-126>



PLACE 2 BE U – DRESS TO EXPRESS

Today we came to school in our own choice of clothes to celebrate the 'Dress to Express' theme for Children's Mental Health week and we raised £78.43. Throughout the week we have been talking about how to look after our mental health. We have enjoyed mindful activities and have had opportunities to join mindful colouring and relaxation at lunchtime in Monday's wellbeing workshop, on Friday lunchtime many children joined Mrs Bradbury on the running track to support her charity 2 mile a day run, whilst experiencing the benefits of being outside and exercising.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent evening meetings in March will take place in person in school on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** and **Wednesday 9th March 2022**. We have made a change to booking and paper sign up forms will be available via the school office after the half term break. Full details will follow in a separate letter shortly.

YEAR 1 PHONICS EVENING AND YEAR 2 SAT MEETING

We are delighted to invite Year 1 parents/carers to a Phonics information session on **Wednesday 23rd February 2022**. This session will take place in school and will be followed by a Year 2 parents/carers SAT meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Please see timings below.

Year 1 Phonics meeting – 5.30pm – 6.00pm

Year 2 SATs meeting – 6.00pm – 6.30pm

PTA 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 PTA 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. Please look out for an accompanying letter for further details.

PTA WORLD BOOK DAY DISCO

We are having a world book day disco on Friday 4th March! It's fancy dress so get creative! It is a **WHOLE school disco from 5-7pm. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 22nd February- on the top playground from 8.50am**. We will sell them each morning until we run out, so buy early to avoid disappointment. We are taking contactless payments for the tickets so no cash please. Looking forward to seeing the fabulous costumes, love the PTA.

SCHOOL CLOSES

Just a quick reminder that school closes today for half term and reopens on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Have a wonderful half term break
Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole