



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a brilliant half term break and managed to rest and recharge. It has been lovely to be back with the children this week and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the Year 1 and 2 parents who were able to join us for the Phonics and KS1 SAT meetings. We hope that you found them informative and that we were able to answer any questions you may have had. For any parents that were unable to make it, key documentation can be found in the class pages on MS TEAMS.

Just to highlight again, 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>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We have spent some time this week thinking about and praying for our world. In troubled times, our positive voices and actions mean so much to and for others. We will continue to act for peace using our faith to guide us.

We are looking forward to our Ash Wednesday service which Father Daniel will preside over. From Ash Wednesday our Lenten Packs will start to travel around school. The Lenten Packs, will begin with our Nursery class. These packs contain a small figure of Jesus alongside reflections to support spiritual growth during this special season. Please ensure that the pack is returned the very next day, so that every family will receive their turn before Easter. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 EASTER PRODUCTION

We are delighted to announce the dates for the Year 3 and 4 Easter performances. They will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Further details to follow soon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FATHER JOHN

There is a very special memorial service for Father John which is taking place at St Mary's, New Mills on **Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 6.00pm**. Father John was such an active part of our school, a dear and much loved friend who touched so many lives. From **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** there will be a memory box in the school office. We would love children and families to come and contribute their own personal memories of Father John. This will then be taken over to church and presented to his family which we know they will really value and appreciate.

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 – 26.02.2022

The final cross country race of the year is taking place 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 Mrs Ashton on arrival who will be overseeing the event this weekend. Good luck to all the runners; we know they will do themselves proud!



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56MILES 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 me in this fundraising challenge. If you wish to donate, please follow this link:

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



THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2022 IS WORLD BOOK DAY

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day at St Mary's. On the day we are inviting children to dress in their pyjamas/onesies and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share (Teddy bears are optional) We have lots of exciting events planned throughout the day and also the week, including author visits and a special potato competition – please see details below. Book vouchers have also been sent home.

DRESS UP A POTATO COMPETITION

In celebration of World Book Day, we would like you to get creative and decorate a potato to look like your favourite book character. How you do this is your choice! You can paint your potato, make clothes from paper, card or fabric and use any other props to bring your potato to life. Once your potato character is complete, please bring your entry to school on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022**. The winners will be announced during assembly on **Friday 4th March 2022**. We are really looking forward to another great day of celebrating all that is wonderful and magical about books with you.

GARDENING COMPETITION RESULTS

We were overwhelmed by the quality and number of entries we received for the gardening competition. The standard was just so high! As a result, all competition entries will contribute to the final grand design. Many thanks and congratulations to all who entered; we hope you enjoy your prize!

PARENTS EVENINGS

Just a quick reminder that parents evening meetings in March will take place in person in school on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** and **Wednesday 9th March 2022**. Please make sure you book by making an appointment via the school office, in person or via a phone call.

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. All are welcome. The PTA is such a strength of St Mary's and makes a real positive impact for all our children, families and the community.

PTA WORLD BOOK DISCO

We also have a special disco to look forward to which is taking place on **Friday 4th March 2022 between 5.00pm – 7.00pm**. Again, our thanks go to the 'PTA Team' for putting this event on. Due to safety constraints, ticket numbers had to be limited and consequently, they sold out very quickly. We are all very aware that this has caused upset, which was the last thing we wanted, and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide more fantastic opportunities for our children. Thank you for your support and understanding.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please take care when using the school car park. Unfortunately, a staff member's car was damaged on the last Friday before half term. We know that using the car park is really helpful for families, particularly those using the breakfast and afterschool provision, so we urge you to be mindful at these times. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL CLOSES

Just a quick reminder that this coming Monday (28th) is an Inset Day and school will be closed to children. All back in on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Peace is not something you can force. It is formed through understanding

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole