



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A WARM WELCOME

We have had a great week here at St Mary's and it has been action packed. We loved seeing the children all dressed up for World book day and really supported our love of books. Many thanks to the two wonderful authors, Emma Mylrea and Jane Preece, who came into school to share their books and stories with the children. This was a real treat for us!

Thank you also for joining us for parents evening yesterday. It was great to see you all back in school and we hope you found the meetings really useful. We are very proud of the partnership we have between home and school and really value these evenings. Further meetings are scheduled for next Wednesday (**9th March 2022, 4.00pm – 7.00pm**) Please contact the school office if you require a slot.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week we shared a beautiful and very reverent Ash Wednesday service. It was lovely to join together as a whole school community in prayer, song and scripture as we focused on new beginnings and how the symbol of ashes marks a new chapter and beginning for us all. Our thanks go to Father Daniel for presiding over the service and to Robert Moss one of our governors, for reading the Gospel and of course, our children whose behaviour was wonderful and so respectful.

The Lenten Packs have now started to make their way through school. These packs contain key figures and reflections to support spiritual growth during this special season.

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. There is now 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

Congratulations to all the runners who took part in last Saturday's Cross Country event. Once again there was a great turn out from the school with some wonderful individual performances. Over the course of the competition weeks the children have been superb showing determination, talent and most important of all, enjoyment. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with the whole school. Many thanks to all the staff who have given up their time to support and special thanks to Mrs Ashton and Mrs Coupes for their unwavering commitment to training the squad.



YEAR 2 BURY FIRE STATION VISIT

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the fire safety training centre in Bury on Friday. The children enjoyed exploring the centre and the visit has helped develop their understanding of how to keep safe ourselves and others safe. We learnt lots including how to stop, drop and roll, how to make a 999 call and how to cross the road. The adults at the centre were impressed with Year 2's knowledge and maturity.

56 MILES IN FEBRUARY – RUNNING FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

Mrs Bradbury would like to thank you for your generosity and support for her February challenge where she completed over 56 miles raising a truly magnificent, £915.

CAN YOU HELP?

Grandad Jim has got a source of **BAGGED** manure that he needs to collect from Glossop Rd next week. He has access to a trailer but needs someone to tow the trailer with the manure down to school. Can anyone help at all? The collection will be on Wednesday using either Jim's trailer or if someone has access to a Truck and Trailer combo, that would be great too. Please contact the school office if you are in a position to support. Many thanks in advance.

DRESS UP A POTATO COMPETITION

What a response! We set the challenge to be creative and decorate a potato to look like their favourite book character and our children certainly did that! The children really let their imaginations run wild! We were delighted to see the children's happy faces as they proudly brought in their character. Great work!

LEGO TOUR BUILDINGS

Landmarks from around Stockport have been turned into Lego models. Joseph in Year 5, designed and depicted the Marple viaduct, an architectural gem in our local area. The Lego landmarks have been travelling around schools in the area and this week they arrived with us. Children have been able to view the models on display and discuss which landmarks they recognise and where they would find them in the local area.

PTFA THANK YOU AND AGM

As we go to press we would just like to once again extend our 'thank you's' to the PTA for tonight's Disco and to remind you that the AGM is this coming **Monday at 7.30pm in school**. All are very welcome.

HOUSE POINTS

Please see the latest house point totals. It's certainly a close run thing with Blue team once again leading the way. Keep up the good work everybody!

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
806	872	934	894

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Just a quick note re: road safety. We are very aware of the high volumes of traffic both in and around St Mary's and also the main road at the bottom. Please can you read the link below which highlights the most recent changes to the Highway Code. We want to ensure that everyone is kept safe. Thank you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

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.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club booking form - Easter Holidays 2022

*Due to unforeseen circumstances we are only able to offer dates for the second week of the holidays.

£20 per child per for a full day or £12 for 5 hours
(£2 for each additional hour thereafter)

Tuesday 12 April 2022		Wednesday 13 April 2022		Thursday 14 April 2022	
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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.

Holiday Club is open from 08:00 - 17:30 and is limited to 24 places per day. Children may not attend Holiday Club if they are showing any symptoms of Covid19 or have had a positive LFT.

All places must be booked by **Friday 25 March at the latest**.

If we have a waiting list you may be asked to pay for your requested place(s) upfront in order to secure your booking.

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
contact via email address above or on 07500 043948

A FINAL THOUGHT

Sometimes we have to see, hear and feel what matters to others to truly understand

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole