



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A WARM WELCOME

We hope that this edition finds you all well and you are enjoying the glorious sunshine, it is certainly most welcome. It has been another action packed week here at St Mary's which the children have fully embraced and we are delighted to bring you the highlights below with a few important announcements too. Please look out for the latest St Ralph Sherwin Newsletter which is attached. Happy reading!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to our super Nursery class who led a very beautiful and uplifting Collective Worship all about growing in love during Lent. We sang together, prayed together and listened to God's word to help us all understand how the power of love can conquer all and that God's love for us is unequivocal and so, so special.

HOLY COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mass of Enrolment Sunday 20th March 9am.

5 sessions, 24th Mar, 31st Mar, 7th April, 28th April, 5th May. Father Bill appreciates some families may be away on 7th April and it is ok not to attend that one. Sessions are from 6:30 to 7:45pm and refreshments are included.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 EASTER PRODUCTION

Just a quick reminder that the Easter performances are taking place this **Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 10.00am and 2.00pm**. We will not be ticketing the performances but ask politely that you work on a basis of 2 adults per child. This is to ensure the safety and comfort of all. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FATHER JOHN – PLEASE CALL IN TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

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. Please note that the final call for messages is Monday afterschool.

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 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL

The intrepid adventurous returned a little tired but full of smiles and with special memories that will be treasured. The children had a fantastic few days at Boreatton Park where they participated fully in all the activities on offer which included raft building, rifle shooting, the very scary giant swing and the uncompromising challenge course. It was an absolute privilege to be able to join them all for a couple of days and to see them flourish and challenge themselves at every opportunity. Their behaviour was superb and they really were a credit to themselves. I know that lots of photos have been shared via the Y6 TEAMS page and there will be lots more on the way soon. Many thanks for all the staff who were just brilliant in enabling this residential to take place and for all their good humour, care and competitiveness. Rest up everyone!



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CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Now that Spring has sprung the gardening group at St Mary's is very busy with lots of jobs to do with the children throughout the school. If you can spare some time on Wednesday mornings, you are warmly invited to join the lovely group of parents and grandparents undertaking light gardening tasks. Please contact Mrs Buckley or Mrs Bradbury if you are interested. Thank you

A huge thank you also, to the helpers who have been preparing the new vegetable beds, the kind donation of a trailer and for the manure supplies.

YEAR 5 CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

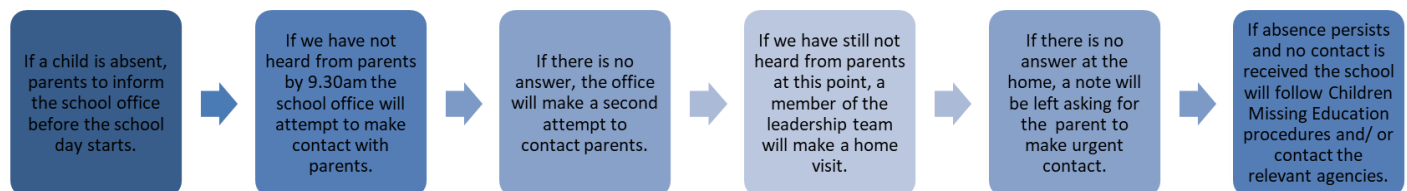
Daniel (Y5) writes: "On Thursday, ten children from Year 5 attended chaplaincy training with Sister Judith and Jamie (our Lead Lay Chaplain) at St Mary's Church, New Mills. We had a very good time and enjoyed the retelling of the story of St Martin of Tours. Through this story, we learned that chaplains are guardians of that which is precious. This means our faith and all of God's creation. We went on the train and walked to the church. Sister Judith was very kind. There were six other schools from our Trust there. We spent the day learning how we can be chaplains and thinking of ideas for work we can do in school and in our parishes. At the end of the day, we were commissioned (which means we are on a mission with Jesus) in a special service in church with Father Bill." The next steps for the Chaplaincy Team will be to put together an action plan to share with Mr Ackers, Miss Poole and the Faith Friends team. Watch this space for details of all of their exciting ideas!

SCHOOL NURSE

Alison Dunning, the school nurse will be in school on Monday 25th April 2022 for a drop-in session. She is available to discuss any issues that your child may have; incontinence, sleeping, healthy eating, etc. There will be 4 half hour slots available and are bookable via the school office. If you would like to speak to Alison, please contact the school office.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Please find details below of our absence procedures. Safeguarding all our pupils is of a paramount importance and we take this responsibility extremely seriously. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



PARENT GOVERNOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Helen Mulryan who has been elected Parent Governor. Thank you to all our candidates and to everyone for taking the time to vote. We received a fantastic response and we look forward to working with Helen. Thank you also to Mrs Major and Mrs Chrippes for overseeing the count.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If you or anyone you know would like a place in our Nursery class the closing date for admissions is **March 31st 2022**. Please see link below. We offer teacher-led Nursery provision and an exciting and stimulating learning environment where children thrive. If you would like to find out more or have a tour of our Nursery please contact Mrs Finney via the school office.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/maintained-nursery-admissions>

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

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

The PTA have organised a non-uniform day for **Friday (25th)** 'Please feel free to come in your own clothes in exchange for bringing in an Easter Egg/Easter Chocolate for our Easter hampers. We will be selling raffle tickets for the Easter Hampers from Friday 25th March online. The draw will take place on Friday 1st April. Good Luck!'

Attached to the newsletter are the details of all the members of the new PTA committee. They have lots of exciting events planned, hopefully by next week they will be able to publish a diary of events leading up to the summer holidays.

Please feel free to contact the committee if you have any concerns, feedback, ideas, donations.

You can email at PTAstmarysmarplebridge@gmail.com

You can message Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1579973858882612>

Or talk to any of the PTA when you see them around school.

LIBRARY COMPETITION

Please details below of an exciting competition for Marple Library.



Love Your Library

Writing/drawing competition at Marple Library

Draw a picture or write a story about
Marple Library (100 words or less)

Work will be displayed in the library with fab prizes for the best entries.
Categories aged 4-7 & 8-11

Please write your name, contact number and age on a separate piece of paper
and attach it to your entry. Closing date 22/4/22

A SNEAK PREVIEW

Coming in next week's edition – Year 3's French Café and Cross Country...

A FINAL THOUGHT

Friendship is the cement that holds people and communities together

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole