



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A WARM WELCOME

We hope this week's bulletin finds you all well. Many thanks for once again joining us this week for parents evening. As mentioned previously we really value the relationship we have with you all and that the joined up approach we share really benefits your child/ren.

Good luck to Year 6 who are away on their PGL residential next week at Boreatton Park, Shropshire. We are sure they will have a fabulous time and will make lots of memories that will last a lifetime. Good luck to all the accompanying staff members too. They'll need their sleep this weekend...

We communicated previously the news that Sean McClafferty will be retiring in the summer, and we are now in a position to tell you that our Senior Director of Performance and Standards, Jeremy Spencer, will also be leaving his post in August to take up a CEO role in Macclesfield. During his time with the Trust, Jeremy has been pivotal in driving school improvement and has been a really valuable support to St Mary's. We wish him well as he starts his next chapter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 1 led a very reverent Collective Worship linking their class charity, 'World Wildlife fund' together so creatively. We prayed together, sang together and thought carefully about how we all have a key part to play in looking after God's creatures and world. Thank you Year 1, it was beautiful.

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

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**. 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.

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>

NO CROSS COUNTRY

This coming Wednesday 16th April. Back on as normal on the 23rd April.



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YEAR 2 COIN MOSAIC

On Tuesday, Year 2 brought in coins that they had been collecting at home. They then used the donations to create a beautiful mosaic of the Cafod logo on the playground. They raised a brilliant **£44.25** in total, which will go towards their final amount as they work towards purchasing some of the Cafod World Gifts at the end of the year.

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.

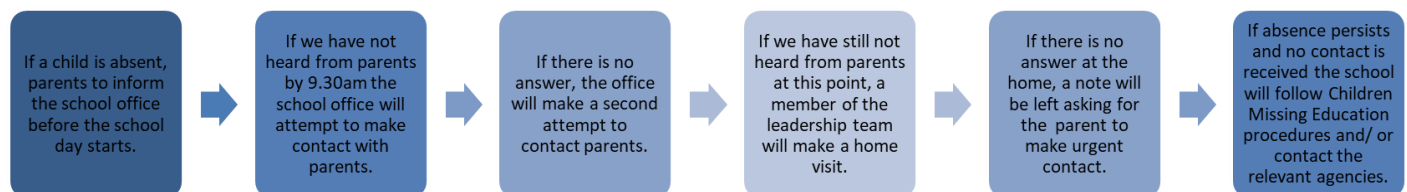
PTA INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this week for the PTA AGM on Monday. It was a great meeting and we are so grateful for the incredibly generous donation to the school. Quite simply, we were blown away. We have lots of plans with how to use these funds for the benefit of each and every pupil at St Mary's including a very exciting gardening project, improving our IT resources and supplementing class trips. We look forward to providing regular updates for you.

It was also a meeting where we said 'a massive thank you' to Kate Scott, Heather Manuel, Emma McCubbin and Lucy Gianferrari for all their efforts and wonderful support over the past few years in their key roles and a 'very warm welcome' to the new chair Claire Tognarelli, treasurer Adi Tognarelli and the rest of the team. Emma is staying on as vice chair and Kate and Heather are also remaining part of the PTA. After 7 years sterling service in a variety of roles we also had the opportunity to thank and wish Tori Taylor 'all the very best' as she hangs up her PTA gloves.

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.



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>

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 **lcorbett21@gmail.com**
Laura Corbett, Holiday Club Manager
contact via email address above or on 07500 043948

A FINAL THOUGHT

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says, 'I will try again tomorrow'

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole