



A WARM WELCOME

This wonderful weather continues to bless us all and it certainly feels that summer is not too far away, long may it continue. It was brilliant to see all the children dressed in their own clothes today as a reward for your and their generous Easter Egg contributions. Members of the PTA have been busily preparing the hampers for next week's grand draw. They look amazing!! As always, thank you for all your support and we hope that you have a lovely weekend. Happy reading!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Wednesday representatives from St Mary's paid respect to Father John our beloved Parish Priest. It was a very moving and also uplifting memorial service which celebrated the life of Father John and enabled all who loved him and whose lives were touched by him to say goodbye and share their memories of him. Children from St Mary's produced a beautiful canvas print depicting his most famous and favourite saying 'I am important and precious because God loves me.' Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute a personal message of their own.



This morning we were treated to a fabulous Mother's Day assembly courtesy of our magnificent Reception class. They were just brilliant and it was great to see so many mums and families joining us. The children were so confident, knew all their lines and made sure that everyone was left with a big smile on their face. As one staff member commented, 'the hall was full of love.' Priceless.

We would also like to thank Years 3 and 4 for their superb Easter Performances this week which were utterly mesmerising. Depicted through song, drama and the spoken word, the children told the most important of stories so poignantly and reverently. It was a privilege to be in attendance and we were blown away by their confidence and maturity. Many thanks to all who were able to join us and to the staff for their incredible work.

Lenten journey packs are making their way round our final KS2 classes, please continue to return them promptly so all are able to enjoy them before the Easter break

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>



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.

POP UP FRENCH CAFÉ

Thank you for all your support and contributions to the French café that happened in school on Friday 11th March. The Year 3 children served our Key Stage 2 children a selection of French foods, including some home-made madeleine cakes! We also thank our Language Ambassadors in school for the contributions of bunting, flags and books. In total, we raised a wonderful **£98.09** for our Year 3 charity, Water Aid. Merci beaucoup!

Y1 MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

We invited our Mummy's to come into school and have Afternoon Tea with us as part of our DT project, we thought about what our Mummy's like on sandwiches and their favourite way to cut them! We have been very busy baking scones and making sandwiches for our Mummy's, we were very excited for this day and we have never done it before. We made special plates to serve it on and each Mummy had a sandwich, a scone, jam and cream. We had a special drink for the Mummy's!! We had some daffodils, a special card and a special letter for our Mummy. Love from Year 1 xxx

PTA INFORMATION

Please find details below of up and coming PTA events and meeting dates and times. This is primarily to give you the 'heads up' and further specifics will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

Meeting dates – venue and times

19.05.2022 – The Norfolk Arms – 8.00pm

06.05.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am

24.06.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am

Upcoming events

Friday 1st April 2022 – Easter Egg Raffle Draw

Friday 22nd April 2022 – Spring Discos – further details to follow

Friday 17th June 2022 – Gin and Bingo night with our very own Stockport Gin – time TBC

Saturday 2nd July 2022 – GLASTONMARY IS BACK!! – further details to follow

The PTA will also be arranging a 'Colour Run' in July and launching £22 in 2022. Stand by for more information...

CROSS COUNTRY

SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY AT WOODBANK PARK 2021 – 2022

6 events from September 2021 to February 2022.

31 Children signed up (at the beginning)

21 children came to one or more of the races

4 children took part in 5 events

3 children attended all 6 events

Children are awarded endeavour medals for attending 5 events.

After a gap of a year due to Covid restrictions, Schools Cross Country was back up and 'running' in September 2021, to the delight of all the children wanting to experience running in muddy conditions. The 6 events at Woodbank park organised by Stockport Harriers did not disappoint! St Mary's have been attending this event for many years and this year we had 31 Year 3 - 6 children signed up. 21 children completed one or more events. 4 children took part in 5 of the races and another 3 completed all 6 races. It was wonderful to see their effort, determination and endurance. We have some budding runners in Year 2 that Mrs Ashton is looking forward to welcoming to Cross Country in Year 3. Next week the runners will be presented to the whole school and will be given their medals to celebrate their efforts. Many thanks to all the staff who have supported and given their time so freely. Please note that there is no Cross Country next week

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.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. Congratulations to Year 4!! Our target is 97% or above.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	96%
Y1	94%
Y2	96%
Y3	96%
Y4	97%
Y5	90%
Y6	94%
W.E.	25/03/2022

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>

[Maintained nursery admissions - Stockport Council](#)

Last updated 21 September 2021 Maintained nursery places. Stockport has range of maintained nursery settings from standalone nursery schools through to nursery classes attached to primary schools.

www.stockport.gov.uk

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 FINAL THOUGHT

You don't always have to be a superhero to do good. Being you is enough.

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole