St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A WARM WELCOME

Welcome back everyone and we hope that you managed to have a wonderful and joyful Easter. The weather has been kind this week which is fantastic and the children (and staff) have come back to school with a real spring in their step. As always, we look forward to keeping you up to date with all the happenings at St Mary's and we are all looking forward to sharing a magnificent Pentecost term together.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

As we return from Easter we celebrate that Jesus is Risen: Alleluia! We remain in Eastertide, a time of joy, until the feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate birthday of the Church. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam. We will share with you the termly parent information letter when it is released by the diocese. Bishop Patrick asks us to think this term about how we can become Missionary Disciples – followers of Jesus who go out and show their faith by word and deed.

Holy Communion Information

Please find details below for candidates for both Holy Spirit and St Mary's.

Holy Spirit

Saturday 14th May 2022.

Due to numbers and restrictions there are 2 masses. 11.00am Y3 and Y5 and 2.00pm Y4 **St Mary's**

The Holy Communion mass will take place at **St Mary's Church**, New Mills on Saturday 20th May 2022 at 12.00

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

BLUE IS THE COLOUR

We are inviting children to come dressed in blue next Friday (**29.04.2022**) in memory of Father John. The parish are looking to buy a bench in his name and would welcome any support we can offer. Donations are voluntary and can be brought into school on Friday.

PTA INFORMATION

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for putting on such a brilliant Easter raffle. The prizes were just amazing and well worth the entry fee. Many thanks to you all too for showing your support, we managed to raise over £800 which is incredible.

As we go to press we are very much looking forward to tonight's spring disco's which are sure to be great fun. Again, many thanks to the team for their efforts and commitment.

The Trim Trail is now up and running; Hurray! The children are enjoying using it and it is bringing a smile to us all. We fully appreciate how much hard work has gone into making this happen from the team and we would like to say how grateful we are. We would also like to thank Mrs Major who was chief co-ordinator during the Easter break ensuring all was how it should be. Above and beyond.

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.



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Meeting dates - venue and times

06.05.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am 24.06.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am

Upcoming events

Friday 17th June 2022 – Gin and Bingo night with our very own Stockport Gin – time TBC The PTA will also be arranging a 'Colourrun' in July and launching £22 in 2022. Stand by for more information...

MELLOR MARCH

The Mellor March is a really popular event which is embraced by the local communities. No doubt most of you have taken part in it as part of a longstanding May Bank Holiday tradition. The march raises money for cancer charities and this year Ukraine children with cancer will be one of those supported. If you are able to donate at all, the details are below. More information: <u>Homepage - The Mellor March</u>

https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/the-mellor-march

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 SATs

Next month children from both Year 2 and Year 6 will be sitting their SATS. We will do all that we can to ensure that the children feel fully supported and certainly something they should not be worrying about. Please can you help us by ensuring that your child/ren maintain good routines in regard to sleep, attendance and having breakfast etc. Thank you and please do come and see us if you have any questions or we can help further.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Just a quick reminder that Year 3 swimming begins on Monday at Romiley Baths (25.04.2022) and will continue each Monday going forwards.

'BIG' - THE MUSICAL

One of our pupils is performing in the above musical at New Mills Art Theatre between 11th – 14th May 2022. If you would like to go, tickets are available from the venue.

SCHOOL NURSE

Alison Dunning, the school nurse will be in school on **Monday 25th April 2022** for a drop-in session.. There is one half hour slot left, please call the school office on Monday to reserve this.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. <u>Congratulations to Reception</u> who achieved a whopping 99%. Our target is 97% or above.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	99%
Y1	92%
Y2	96%
Y3	98%
Y4	95%
Y5	96%
Y6	90%

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Thank you all for making a real effort to get your children into school on time. It has been great to see a big improvement. If you are running a little late and arrive past **9.00am** please continue to sign your child/ren in via the touch screen at the school office. **Please do not send children in unaccompanied**. Many thanks for your support and co-operation; it really is appreciated.

ADVANCE WARNING

Please note that **Friday 1st July 2022** will now be an **INSET DAY with school closed to pupils**. This is to enable all schools within the St Ralph Sherwin Trust to join together for an annual conference.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Showing that we are human and that we care is one of our greatest gifts.