St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A WARM WELCOME

To this week's bulletin and we hope it finds you well. It was wonderful to see parents back in school this afternoon as they joined us for assembly. It really did make a difference for us all and the children were absolutely thrilled. Thank you for joining us. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again on the 8th July 2022 and 15th July 2022.

A BIG thank you to the PTA for putting on a fabulous Gin and Bingo evening last Friday which looked like great fun, made even better with it being alfresco! Thank you also for the work that went into making St Mary's Carnival offering so special. From the pictures we have seen and the comments we have heard, the children looked magnificent and had the best time too. We are so grateful of all that you do to support us. Next up, Family Camp and the Colour Run!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Monday Year 1 enjoyed sharing their end of topic class Liturgy celebration with the whole school. They all spoke beautifully after practising their lines at home over the weekend and most of the children had learnt them off by heart, they used their loudest voices as well as singing our favourite song from the topic. The theme was forgiveness and being sorry and they wrote and planned it all by themselves including acting out the story of Zacchaeus. We all know it is sometimes difficult to say sorry and to try and forgive so we gave the whole school a mission to try extra hard to do so this week.

It was lovely to come together as a whole school community today to celebrate the children from Years 3, 4 and 5 who made their First Holy Communion in May. The morning began with the children processing to Church where they were given a Guard of Honour by the rest of the school before taking part in the daily mass. Thank you Father Daniel for presiding over the service and for presenting the special bookmarks. After mass it was time to get changed and party! The day finished with the communicants singing *their* song for us all and parents during the assembly.

On Tuesday, the Year 5 SANCTA Squad (Lead Chaplains) went to the Commissioning Mass at Christ the King Church in Mackworth, along with all the other chaplaincy teams in the Trust. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Patrick and children from across the Trust contributed to Mass through readings and prayer. Our SANCTA Squad were an amazing representation of St Mary's and a credit to our school. In the words of Maisie, "that was a really great day!"

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

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Will be taking place this coming Monday.

GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU

At the end of this year we will be saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Britton who is leaving St Mary's to take up the position of Inclusion teacher for Stockport LA where she will have a specific focus on children's social, emotional and mental health needs. It goes without saying that we will miss Caroline very much and we send our very best wishes to her as she embarks on new challenges. We know you will be brilliant! Thank you for all that you have done for our school Caroline and for the children and families you have supported and so willingly given your time and care to. Take care.



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HAPPY RETIREMENT AND THANK YOU

We are also saying goodbye Mrs Nadin who has been at St Mary's for 25 years which is just amazing and shows a real commitment to the school. Thank you Margaret for all that you have done for the children and families of St Mary's. You have helped to shape the futures of many and you will be greatly missed by us all. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement and don't be a stranger.

YEAR 6 CANAL VISIT

As part of Drowning Prevention week, Year 6 enjoyed a local walk along Marple Canal on Tuesday where they were met by Katie from the Canal and River Trust. Despite it being a very hot day, Year 6 were great listeners and contributors, discussing how we can stay safe on our waterways. Well done Year 6!

DORIS THE DUCK

Year 4 had great fun raising money for their class charity this week. They had a Meet and Greet session with Doris the Duck in order to collect money for the Children's Adventure Farm Trust. Doris was very well behaved and seemed to enjoy being held and stroked! She was accompanied by two friends - Man City and Man Utd, the Silkie cockerels. The children loved meeting them all and managed to make just over £40 for their charity. A huge thank you to Mrs McGuinness for making this possible.

KEEPING SUNSAFE

Sun-screen

Children will be allowed to put on their own sun screen when appropriate. If sunscreen is brought into school, it should be labelled with the child's name and given to the teacher for safe keeping. Staff are not able to support with the application of sun screen. We recommend that parents apply sunscreen at home before the start of the school day.

Sunhats and water bottles

Sunhats and baseball caps offer good protection in sunny weather. Please make sure items are named. All year round the children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school. This is particularly important in the warm summer terms.

SPORTS DAY

We are really looking forward to Sports Day next week which is sure to be a fantastic event. Parents are invited to watch the Reception to Year 6 from 1.15pm on Thursday 30th June 2022. If your child has a t-shirt in their house group colour, they may bring it in to wear.

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Your child/ren has been given a very special book written to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is most certainly a book to treasure.

BOOK AMNESTY

We are very short of reading books particularly in KS2, despite having plenty earlier on in the year. If you have any at home, please can they be sent back into school.

HOUSE POINTS

Please see the latest house point totals so far. The Green team are leading the way at the moment.

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
1569	1583	1640	1768

HEADS UP

Please look out for further details next week regarding Year 5/6 production, leavers mass, disco and final assembly.

MODE

The charity MODE are involved in an Armed Forces Day celebration on Town Street in Marple Bridge on Saturday 25th June 12-4pm and they would love to get the children involved!

They have dropped some posters off at school with details of a 'Poem and Picture' competition. If your child/ren would like to get involved they could produce a poem or picture celebrating the armed forces and what they do. They would then bring down their entry on the day with their name, age and address on the back.

MELLOR CHURCH FETE

Mellor Church Fête 1pm and Bands on the Hill 7pm Saturday 25th June 2022, SK6 5LX

Rose Queen Daisy (from year 6) will be crowned on the field at 1pm (Rose Queen procession departs Brabyns Park 12:30). A retinue of Rose Queen attendants brimming with St Mary's children. Teddies will be parachuted. Bouncy Castle. Punch and Judy. Lunches available from 12 noon. BBQ. Beer Tent. Homemade produce, plants etc. Maypole dancing. Hook a duck. Tombola. Raffle. Children's races. Free entry.

Live music in the evening. Hannah Scott (St Mary's class of 2019) and other familiar faces singing. Beer tent. Pizza. Well known covers. Dancing. Amazing views and atmosphere. Bar until late. Under 12s free entry. Adults £6.50 <u>linktr.ee/bandonthehill</u>



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PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

By not parking on Lowry drive and by not idling. We have received a number of concerns from residents in this regard and it is causing upset. Please do not arrive any earlier than you need to pick up your child/ren and ensure that engines are fully switched off. We know that parking is tight at the best of times and it is only by working together and being mindful of the community that things will improve. Many thanks for your support with this request, we know our neighbours will be very grateful.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. Congratulations to who achieved an impressive **97%**. Our target is 97%.

Weekly Attendance				
Rec	97%			
Y1	94%			
Y2	94%			
Y3	96%			
Y4	93%			
Y5	94%			
Y6	92%			

FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2022 – INSET DAY FOR PUPILS

Just a quick reminder that next Friday **school will 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

Sometimes you just have to rip off the plaster before things can start to get better

St Mary's Kids Club

Holiday Club booking form - Summer Holidays 2022 £20 per child for a full day or £12 for 5 hours (£2 for each additional hour thereafter)										
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.										
Please can all children come with a sunhat and wearing clothing you don't mind getting a little 'messy'. We have sun cream on site which we can reapply throughout the day when needed however, if your child has sensitive skin, we ask you please send them with their own labelled bottle and let a member of staff know on arrival.									your	
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