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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



On Monday we had a representative from CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) who shared with the children the work of CAFOD and how thousands of schools across England and Wales are getting involved with CAFOD's Lent challenge, joining 'The Big Lent Walk' to support families around the world with the skills and tools they have asked for to fight the climate crisis. We too will be joining in with this initiative during Lent and more details will follow in the coming

weeks. The children also heard the inspiring story of sixty eco-villages in southern Bangladesh that have learned and shared new skills in living and growing food sustainably, not only protecting themselves from the impacts of climate change and producing more reliable crops to eat and to sell, but also protecting the environment. You can find out more [here](#). This week we have also reflected on St Matthew's gospel message explaining Jesus' call to shine our light. Through an analogy of the moon reflecting the light of the sun children considered how they can use their gifts to do good and reflect God's light in the world. Many children were awarded for letting their light shine in our end of half term celebration assembly. Well done everyone for shining and living out our SANCTA values.

Next Monday, 13 February, Year 2 will lead out Collective Worship at 2:30pm. You are all very welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY WORD

[Here is the link](#) to this week's Wednesday Word.

COFFE AND CAKE WITH MRS BRADBURY

Our next coffee and cake afternoon with Mrs Bradbury will be on **Thursday 16th February at 1.30pm**. All are very welcome to attend. The School Nurse will be present as well Sally Wilkinson from Primary Jigsaw, Helen Barr the Educational Psychologist and Honor Furey, Autism Intervention Worker with the Stockport Autism Team. This is an opportunity to meet informally for a cup of tea/coffee and slice of cake and to strengthen our links and support within the community. We hope to see you there.

DISABLED PARKING SPACES

We have families in school who require use of the two disabled parking spaces. Please can I ask that these bays are kept free at all times for access to Blue Badge holders only. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

MULTISKILLS FOR KS1

We are delighted to announce that we will be running a KS1 Multi Skills after school club from Tuesday 28th February to Tuesday 28th March. Children from Y1 and Y2 are welcome to attend. The clubs will run from straight after school until 4.15pm and the cost for the clubs will be £30 for the term (x5 sessions). Please click the link to sign up and register your child:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWSSWCG-LxismOb8QBn1D_siDT_nbT94cEiYw80YCxWK2GKQ/viewform



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THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023 IS WORLD BOOK DAY



We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day at St Mary's. On the day we are inviting children to dress in their pyjamas/onesies and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share (teddy bears are optional!) We have lots of exciting events planned throughout the day and also the week, including our PTA disco and a special peg competition – please see details below. Book vouchers will also be sent home in the near future.

PEG CHARACTER COMPETITION

In celebration of World Book Day, we would like you to get creative and decorate a peg to look like your favourite book character. How you do this is your choice! You can paint your peg, make clothes from paper, card or fabric and use any other props to bring your peg to life. Once your peg character is complete, please bring your entry to school on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**. The winners will be announced during assembly on **Friday 3rd March 2023**. We are really looking forward to another great day of celebrating all that is wonderful and magical about books with you.



WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION



Last week, your child has brought home a badge design template sheet. This year's theme, *The British Nature Walk*, aims to bring pupils closer to the nature found across Britain! Children's designs could show the nature in our local area. Think animals or insects found in urban or rural areas, vibrant flowers or mighty trees, lakes, rivers, canals or coastlines. Children could draw a special memory of nature from a recent holiday around Britain or from a different season. Entries to be handed to your child's class teacher, who will pass them on to Mr Nish. These designs will then be sent to the company and they'll turn each winning entry into

more than 300,000 badges, to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, scoot or cycle to school across the UK next academic year. Deadline for entries – **Monday 27th February**. Top Tips: • Be big, bold and colourful! • Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd! • WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details in them work best! • Trademarks or logos will not qualify for the competition. Further details can be found on the badge design information sheet.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We had a fantastic NSPCC number day last Friday. The total amount raised was **£164.50**. Thank you for your support and generosity.

MUSIC CELEBRATION CONCERT

We are looking forward to hosting our first music celebration concert on Tuesday 14th February at 2:20pm to celebrate some of the fantastic work the children have been working on in music this term. There will be instrumental pieces from Year 4 and Year 5 as well as performances from the newly formed school choir. You are warmly invited to join us and celebrate with our wonderful children.

PTA NEWS

Don't forget it's the *Sponsored Bounce* on **Wednesday 15th February**, please ensure that you have returned your child's permission slip, spare forms are available from the school office.

The PTA AGM took place on Wednesday, thank you to all who attended and those who volunteered to take up positions on the committee. We are so lucky to have such an active and supportive PTA, we really are grateful for all that you do and the positive contribution you make to our school life.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2023

Took place on the 7th February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

At St Mary's we celebrated online safety by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive by participating in a range of fun but thought provoking activities using [Project Evolve](#).

Tuesday also saw the launch of our new E Safety Newsletter for parents. Each month we will publish information for parents/carers about how to keep your children (and you) safe online. You can read the first edition [here](#).

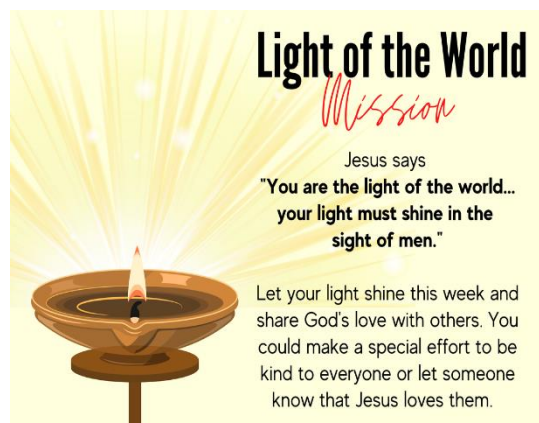
INSET DAY – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023

A reminder that we have an INSET day on **Friday 17TH February**, where we will link with schools across the Trust for a Teaching and Learning conference. School will be closed to all pupils. Children will therefore finish for the February half term break on Thursday 16th February.

THE MONTH AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary.</i>
13 February	Y2 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
14 February	Music Celebration Concert (2:20pm in the hall). All welcome!
15 February	PTA Sponsored Bounce! (Please see letter and sponsor form.)
16 February	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Bradbury. All welcome (1:30pm – 2:45pm)
16 February	School closes to children for the half term break.
17 February	INSET Day for staff – school closed for children.
18 February	Cross country at Woodbank Park (10:15am for a 10:30am start)
21-23 February	Half Term Holiday Club (please see booking form) if of interest.
27 February	School reopens after the half term break. Closing date for WOW badge design competition.
3 March	World Book Day and PTA Disco (5:00 – 6:00pm or 6:00 – 7:00pm).
6 March	Y1 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
8 March	World Maths Day. Parents' Evening (3:45 – 7:00pm) Booking details to follow.
13 March	Y6 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
14 March	Parents' Evening (3:45 – 7:00pm) Booking details to follow.
17 March	Mothers' Day Assembly led by Reception (10:00am in the hall). All welcome!
21-24 March	Y6 residential visit to PGL Boreatton Park, Shropshire.
29 March	Holy Week & Easter Production (10:00am and 2:00pm). All welcome!
27 -31 March	Stations of the Cross led by Year 5 (9:05am each day in the hall.)
31 March	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
31 March	School closes for the Easter break.
17 April	School reopens following the Easter break.

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER



This is the paraphrased gospel we have reflected on in collective worship this week. Matthew 5:13-16.

Jesus teaches us so much about how to follow Him and what our purpose is.

Today Jesus told us, "You are the light of the world! Like a city on top of a hill, you cannot be hidden. I want you to shine your light. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. No! You put the lamp on display so everyone in the house can see its light. So, like the lamp and the city on a hill – let your light shine. Show your good deeds to others so that they can see and give praise to God in heaven."

Dear Jesus,

You are the light of the world. Thank you for showing me your light through your love for me. Help me shine your light through my gifts and talents, so others can see your love too. Amen.

**Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.**