



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and had some time to celebrate, be with family, relax and recharge... whatever suited! It has been wonderful to be back together again – and the spring weather has helped to lift the spirits. Our week began with worship to celebrate *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 Sikhism. Your termly parent information letter, for further information, is enclosed. 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. We have started exploring this with our children – who are always full of ideas and enthusiasm!

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Just a quick reminder that Year 3 swimming will be starting at Romiley swimming baths next Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> April) and will continue each Thursday going forwards until July.

## TRACK AND FIELD – YEARS 3-6

Now the cross country season has ended, Mrs Ashton will be running a track and field club each Tuesday after school. Please see the letter which should be in your child's bag tonight.

## MELLOR MARCH – SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> April

The Mellor March is a communal walk around the boundary of the village of Mellor. It was founded in 1994 by Paddy Whitham, Richard Jones and Tim Lowe. Every penny raised is donated to a cancer-related charity and wherever possible we try to ensure that the monies go to a specific cause. It's a great day out for individuals, couples, families and friends and all for a good cause.

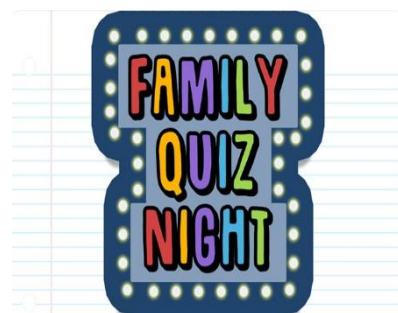
No doubt most of you have taken part in it as part of a longstanding May Bank Holiday tradition. If you are able to donate at all, the details are [here](#). There are four versions of the walk to choose from. If you would like to participate, more information about the walks can be found [here](#).

## PTA NEWS

The PTA are hosting their first family quiz TONIGHT from 5-7pm in the school hall. The rounds are for all ages and all family members are very welcome!

There will be hot dogs, tuck shop and a very reasonable bar.

Please come and support this fundraiser if you can, it promises to be a great night! Tickets are still available at £2 per adult. Children are free: <https://www.stmaryspta.org.uk/family-quiz/>



## ATTENDANCE



At St Mary's we feel that, if learners are to get the greatest benefit from their education in school, it is important that they have good attendance and arrive punctually. The attendance this week is below. Congratulations to Y3 who have achieved 99.19%. Our school target is 97%.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	97.84%
Y1	96.67%
Y2	96.67%
Y3	99.19%
Y4	95.31%
Y5	97.08%
Y6	97.08%
Overall	97.11%

## TRAVEL TRACKER

Congratulations to the pupils who achieved the March badge for active travel to school at least once per week. These were presented before the Easter break. There were a few families where one child achieved a badge and the other child didn't. Please remind your children as they are coming into school what method of travel they have used to ensure the correct pupils are receiving badges. Park and stride is parking at least 10 minutes away from school, preferably in one of the local car parks such as Brabyns, Etherow, the Memorial Park or the Midland.



## 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.

## BANK HOLIDAYS



A reminder that we have two Bank Holidays coming up in the next couple of weeks. **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** is May Bank Holiday and **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** is the Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. As these are public holidays, school will be closed on both of these days.

## NEW SENDCO AT ST MARY'S

As advised last term, we welcome Mrs Anita Norburn as the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator (SENDCo) who took up post on Monday. Please feel free to contact her at any point in the year if there is anything that you would like to discuss. You can contact her by email: [anorburn@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:anorburn@mmb.srscmat.co.uk), calling the school office to make an appointment : 01614277498 or meet Mrs Norburn at the next Coffee and cake meeting on the 19th May 2023 at 1.30pm. Mrs Norburn is really looking forward to working in partnership with you so please do introduce yourself.

## FREE PARENTING GROUPS

EPEC (Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities) is a successful, popular, parenting programme **delivered by local parent volunteers who live in their own community.** Starting May 2023.



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COMMUNITIES

**Being a Parent (face to face) courses from 1st week in May 2023 (1 x coffee morning & 8 x sessions, 2 ½ hours per session)**

*For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years – all welcome!*

- Belmont & Lancashire Start Well Satellite / All Saints Primary School site (Tuesdays, 9.30am -12pm)

- **Brinnington Start Well Hub (Thursdays, 9.30am -12pm) – creche available at this site**

**We will also be running**

- **Being a Parent Together – An online evening course (workshops)**

*For parents/carers of children aged 2 - 11 years who attend together, living together/in a relationship or not*

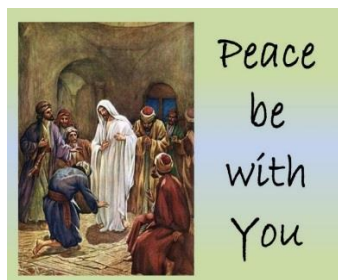
- **'Living with Teenagers' course online – this will be an evening and online (9 x sessions, 2 hours per session) For parents/carers of children aged 11-16 years.**

To secure a place on any of these courses, please give EPEC Admin a ring on: 0161 406 9558. You can also email your interest to: [admin.epec@stockport.co.uk](mailto:admin.epec@stockport.co.uk)

Both Being a Parent courses include: **Being good enough, play and spending time with your children, understanding children's behaviour, discipline strategies, listening and communication, coping with stress and more...**

Living with Teenagers course includes: **key issues for teens, parenting styles, needs behind behaviour, managing conflict, discipline strategies, problem solving, family meetings, building teen self-esteem and more...**

### **A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER**



*'Jesus came among them and said, "Peace be with you."' John 20:26.*

The first words Jesus said to His disciples after His resurrection were "Peace be with you". Children learn that the peace Jesus brings helps us to be calm and comforted at times of uncertainty, as well as helping us to be patient and kind to others.

Here is one of the prayers that you might want to use as part of your home prayer time: **Jesus, thank you for being with me. Jesus, bring me your gift of peace. Help me to keep peace in my heart. Amen.**

### **THE MONTH AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary.</i>
21 April	PTA Family Quiz (5:00pm – 7:00pm in the school hall). Tickets available via the <a href="#">PTA website</a> .
24 April	Y3 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
25 April	KS2 Track and Field club starts after school.
27 April	Y3 swimming starts (until July).
30 April	Mellor March (9:30am – 17:00 starting at the Devonshire Arms, Mellor, SK6 5PP).
1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed.
5 May	King Charles III school celebrations – details to follow next week.
8 May	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday – school closed.
9-12 May	Year 6 KS2 SATs week.
16 May	Eurovision Choir Extravaganza – 7:00pm – 8:30pm Stockport Town Hall.
19 May	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Norburn (from 1:30pm in the hall).
22 May	Y4 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
26 May	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
26 May	School closes for the half term break.
12 June	School reopens following the half term break.

**Wishing you all a peaceful weekend. Best of luck to Mrs Ashton who is running in the London Marathon on Sunday! More news on this next week.**

**Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.**