

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy
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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Staff have been to the diocesan centre this week to find out about new ways to approach collective worship in school. The children will be using new resources in the coming weeks to plan prayer and worship activities to deliver in assemblies and class worships.

Mrs Finney has started up a prayer club on Thursday lunch times. This week's session was well attended and the children made some prayer paper chains. The prayer club is going to take over an area outside Year 3 to display all of their activities.

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

Mr Murphy and Mrs Ashton took eight pupils from Year 6 to Manchester City Academy on Monday afternoon to take part in the Premier League Stars tournament. Our pupils represented our school with passion, skill and determination. They were a credit to St Mary's. We had three scoring draws and one defeat. We will be looking at providing more opportunities for pupils to represent our school in sporting activities in the near future.

GARDENING AT ST MARY'S

Mr Murphy is at the diocese today and has been asked to talk to other schools in our academy trust about gardening at St Mary's. It is a real strength of our school and one that is built on our wonderful parents and grandparents that volunteer their time and energy to broaden the experiences of our pupils. The gardening group is looking for more volunteers to help them continue their amazing work in school. You don't need to have any prior experience, so if you can offer any time to help out during the week, we would be delighted to hear from you.

PTA AGM: CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the PTA AGM has had to be changed to Wednesday 23 January. It will take place in the school hall at 7:00 pm. We will discuss plans for the year and elect people into office. Further to this, the PTA are looking for people to join the committee. Again, the PTA do an amazing job broadening the experiences of our pupils and they need help to make sure that this continues.

CLUBS AT ST MARY'S

We have had a tremendous take up of clubs this term, which is great to see. Mad Science starts on Tuesday and there are still a few places available. To apply for one of those places please go to <http://afterschool.madsciencenw.com/> or call the Mad Science Team on 01772 628844.

YEAR 1 PHONICS AND YEAR 2 SATS INFORMATION EVENING

Miss Poole will be hosting an information session for parents on Wednesday 6 February at 6:00 pm in the Year 1 classroom. There will be a presentation and time for any questions about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which the children will do in June. Also at 6 o'clock on the same evening, Mrs Bramhall will present information about the Key Stage 1 SATs that the children will do in May. Parents are invited to attend to find out about how the assessments work and to find out more information about the expectations that pupils are working to meet in Year 2.

YEAR 6 SATS AND PGL INFORMATION EVENING

Mrs Britton and Mrs Thompson will host an information evening about KS2 SATs and our annual residential trip to PGL in March on Wednesday 30 January at 6:00 pm in the school hall. Y6 pupils have taken home SATs papers already this year, so parents will have some idea of the expectation that Year 6 pupils are striving to meet at the end of the year. This evening will give further information about the different assessments and how they are scored. We will also talk through the arrangements for PGL this year and answer any questions that you might have regarding that trip.

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is fully booked almost every session with a waiting list for places – the maximum attendance is set by Ofsted and our insurance is based on this. Ad hoc bookings, therefore, are becoming more difficult to fulfil, so if you know you are not going to use a session please let us know as far in advance as possible. Places must be booked in advance and the child's name on the register for them to attend.

Holiday Club will be running over the half term break – Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February. Booking forms are available on the web site, with a closing date of Friday 25 January. Please book early.

NCTSA INFORMATION EVENING

The Nottingham Catholic Teaching School Alliance have places available for Primary and Secondary School Direct Trainees. There is an information evening at St. Mary's in Derby on Tuesday 5 February, from 5 – 7 pm. Contact Vanessa Scott for more information on 0115 982 4280

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check for updates on a regular basis

Wed 23 Jan	PTA AGM 7:00 pm in school hall
Wed 30 Jan	9.05am: Year 6 Collective Worship (parents invited)
Tue 5 Feb	Internet Safety Day
Wed 6 Feb	9.05am: Year 3 Collective Worship (parents invited)
Wed 6 Feb	Y1 Phonics and Y2 SATs Information evening
Wed 13 Feb	9.05am: Year 1 Collective Worship (parents invited)
Fri 15 Feb	INSET – children not in school
Half term - Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019 School reopen Monday 25 February 2019	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Stockport Grammar Netball Camp for girls in Year 4/5/6 will run on 18 and 19 February. £25 for one day/ £35 for two days. Application forms are available in the school office or contact goddardl@stockportgrammar.co.uk