

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The Lenten packs are making their way around school. They are currently in Year 1. Remember to use them on the night that you get them and return them to school the next day so that all of our classes have a turn at using them.

We have paused our class collective worships for the time being as we have timetabled our Respect Reward time to be first thing on Wednesday. If this becomes a permanent change, we will move the Wednesday assemblies to an alternative day.

PARKING

I have received multiple emails from parents of our school and neighbours about the parking situation. Unfortunately, as a school we do not have any jurisdiction on public highways, but we do appeal to you to park in a place that is safe for all of our children and courteous towards our neighbours. Particular issues I have received of late are regarding cars parking on bends and in such a way that they block the pavement, causing residents, children and parents with prams into the road. I have been in contact with our local councillor regarding the issue and will meet with him in the coming weeks to discuss the issue.

AFTER-SCHOOL PICK UP

Mr Hill, our site manager, is concerned about children running along walls and going onto the bottom playground unsupervised after school. Please make sure children leave the school in a safe manner at the end of the day.

PGL

Year 6 have been at PGL in Shropshire this week and have been having a great time. This residential is one that all of our children look forward to and is lots of fun. Thanks goes out to our hardworking staff who have accompanied the children on this incredibly valuable trip and given up their time to do so.

DRAFT BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We are still working to our draft behaviour policy this week and next. We have taken some feedback from our school council about how it is working in classes and around school and will do so again next week. Parental feedback is welcome at headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk We will publish a final version, after making suitable amendments, in time to start the week beginning 18 March.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a difficult time judging all of the fantastic pegs that were entered into the World Book Day competition. Thanks to everyone that entered. They will make a fantastic display in the library.

The PTA World Book Day disco is next week. Get your costumes ready for Friday 15 March in the school hall – Nursery to Year 2 at 5-6 pm and Years 3 – 6 at 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Tickets are on sale from PTA members or from the office price £2.50.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for this half term is now due, and should be paid in advance. It can be paid on line thru school money (Eduspot), in cash or cheque via the school office. The amount for this term is £77 – a 7 week half term at £11 per week (£2.20 per meal). Any outstanding dinner money from last half term should be paid as soon as possible please. Should your child wish to stop school dinners and go onto packed lunches, or vice versa, then Mrs Biggs must be informed please. Many thanks.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

This is to remind all parents that we are a completely nut free school – we have had another pupil recently with a nut allergy and it is imperative that we keep them safe.

SCRATCH CLUB

Don't forget Scratch club is back on next week Thursday 14 March, 8.00 am.

SCIENCE CLUB

Please remember that there is no Mad Science Club next week Tuesday 12 March but they are back the following week Tuesday 19 March.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday is the last race of the series at Woodbank Park – good luck to all those attending. Cross country in school will be back to normal on Wednesday 13 March.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club is running during the Easter half term on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Forms are available on line and need to be completed by Friday 24 March 2019.

FAIR FUNDING PARENT ACTION GROUP

This is a parent campaign group to raise awareness amongst parents and the wider community about school funding. It is an intra schools group and includes parents from all the local primary schools and Marple Hall. School funding is being debated in Parliament next week and encouragement is needed for William Wragg to attend. There's an easy online form that parents can use to email William Wragg to encourage him to attend: it is

<https://schoolcuts.org.uk/action/ask-your-mp-to-attend-the-school-funding-debate/>

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY <i>Please check for updates on a regular basis</i> | |
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| Fri 8 Mar | Yr 6 return from PGL approx. 4 pm |
| Wed 13 Mar | Parents' evening-appointments can be made at the school office |
| Thurs 14 Mar- Tuesday 19 Mar | Travelling Books Book Fair in School – 3.30 pm – 4 pm |
| Fri 15 Mar | PTA World Book Day Disco |
| Wed 20 Mar | Year 5 Trip to Longendale Environmental Centre |
| Wed 20 Mar | Parents' evening (with the exception of Nursery) -appointments can be made at the school office |
| Wed 27 Mar | Parents evening – only for Nursery and Year 5 |
| Fri 12 Apr | Finish for end of term |

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Kumon

Find out how Kumon maths and English study can help your child to achieve beyond expectations. To start your child's two week free trial (until 15 March) contact Hazel Grove Study Centre on 0161 327 2717

PIPS

There is a 'Co-producing with Families Information Day' on Friday 8 March 2019 at Cheshire Conference Centre, Hardcastle Road, Edgeley, Stockport where there will be workshops in SEN support in schools; working with young people to prepare for adulthood; stockport therapy Services Review; What is co-production. More information is available by phoning 07786 101072

Brabyns Tennis Club

Kenan Arslanagic, Head Tennis Coach at Brabyns will be running a 6 hour course over the Easter holidays. One course for 4-7 year olds and one for 8-11 year olds starting on Monday 8 April. This is a great initiative for children who haven't been involved in tennis and for £25 they receive a tennis racket with tennis balls, a personalised t-shirt and 6 weeks' worth of group tennis lessons. If you would like your child to be involved you can book the course through the link <http://tennisforkids.uk/kenan> Alternatively Kenan can be contacted on mobile:07976 462 532

High Peak Futsal Club

An amazing opportunity is open to 7-13 years old boys and girls from all schools. It happens on Wednesdays 5-6 pm at Banks Lane Junior School, Offerton, Stockport SK1 4PR. To book your place call 07891 2057634 or contact us on info@uksportscouching.co.uk/www.uksportscouching.co.uk

Mad Science Spring Camps 2019

For full details of dates, times, venues and prices please visit www.madsciencenw.com or call 01772628844