

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

Joe Hopkins, the St Ralph Sherwin schools chaplain, visited us on Tuesday and worked with the Faith Friends and Guiding Lights to plan a liturgy that they will deliver in the last week of term. He has also made a video with Year 5 recently, which has been playing in the school office all day.

One of our school governors, Robert Moss, visited school on Tuesday to talk about his forthcoming pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The children listened really well to his talk and some of them even tried his pack on for size. We all wished Mr Moss 'Buen Camino' and look forward to hearing about his experiences when he returns after Easter.

WELLSPRING DONATIONS AND RUNNER APPEAL

As part of our Lenten almsgiving, we are collecting donations for the Wellspring in Stockport. Any donations are gratefully received. Furthermore, some of our Year 4 pupils have put up posters around school looking for adults to run the Manchester 10k and Manchester Half marathon for the Wellspring. If you think you can join 'Team Wellspring' to run and raise funds for homeless people in Stockport then visit <https://www.thewellspring.co.uk/events/run-for-wellspring/> You will receive free entry and no fundraising target.

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING

After Easter, we are hosting an 'Introduction to Creative Writing' course for parents, carers and grandparents. The course will be run by Stockport College from Tuesday 30 April to Tuesday 21 May from 1 pm to 3 pm. This is a fun, interactive course that will help you to write creatively, developing characters and settings so that you can support your children with their writing skills. There will also be the opportunity to enter a creative writing competition with your children and write a short story called 'My Family'. There is no cost to the sessions, but you must be able to attend all four sessions. Further details and enrolment forms are with Mrs Biggs in the office.

PTA EVENTS

Everyone who came to the discos last Friday had a great time. Thank you to the PTA for organising and to the serious judging panels that we assembled to award the best fancy dress prizes. Coming up next is the Easter Extravaganza on Friday 5 April at 3:30 pm. Free entry for everyone to this Easter themed fair after school. We look forward to seeing you there. The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 27 March at 7:30 pm at the Crown in Hawk Green. All welcome.

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.

GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Reeder has given advance notice that he will not be in school for lessons on Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 7 May.

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.

ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

We are going to start publishing our attendance figures on the newsletter each week. Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 4 who are this week's attendance winners!

Reception	94.2%	Year 1	97.5%		
Year 2	96.5%	Year 3	95.9%		
Year 4	98.6%	Year 5	94.8%	Year 6	97.7%

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 22 March 2019.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY <i>Please check for updates on a regular basis</i>	
Wed 27 Mar	Reception Class Mother's Day Assembly 9.10 am
Wed 27 Mar	Parents evening – for Nursery and Year 5 only
Wed 27 Mar	PTA Meeting at the Crown in Hawk Green
Wed 3 April	Years 3 and 4 Production with performance at 6 pm
Thu 4 April	Years 3 and 4 Production with performance at 1.30 pm
Fri 5 April	Easter Extravaganze 3:30 pm in the school hall
Fri 12 Apr	Finish for end of term

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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 you 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

Kickstart Drama

Runs a drama group on Fridays at 4.45pm in the Ludworth W.I. Hall. The hour-long sessions are designed for children aged 6 to 11 and incorporate stagecraft, vocal technique and drama games with the aim of developing the children's dramatic awareness and skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere. The first session is free and thereafter £6 per week, paid in advance, each half term. The sessions are run during term times and all tutors are DBS checked.

Anyone who is interested in booking a trial session may contact us via email: kickstartdrama@gmail.com or through our Facebook page #kickstartdrama.

Easter Orienteering Event

On Saturday 20 April 10.00am til 12.30pmat Woodbank Park there will be a family fun challenge. For further information please contact Samantha Barton on 0161 482 0918 or

Samantha.barton@lifeleisure.net

Autism Focus Group

On Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 16.30-18.00 am in the Boardroom, at the Seashell Trust, Stanley Road, Cheadle, SK8 6RQ the Outreach Services at Seashell Trust are hosting a free termly Autism Focus Group. For further information please contact outreach@seashelltrust.org.uk.

