



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

What can we say about our Year 5 children? I am sure that anyone who has come along to the Stations of the Cross collective worship this week will testify that the groups of children that have performed have done our school proud. They have got everyone thinking about the road that Jesus took, why he chose to do what he did and they have managed to relate it to the lives of the children in our school. I have been immensely proud of the whole school and how they have engaged with each of the performances that I have been in for. These things don't happen by accident, so a big thank to our Year 5 staff team is also due.

Our Year 6 children have also been doing a sterling job in raising money for charity. Business Gang organised the most successful competition that I have known in my time here. Choosing winning hats in the Easter bonnet competition must have been a really tough task for Mrs Young and Mrs Biggs. Tommy, James, Lucy and Hannah have also been selling their self-made newspaper for charity too. What a fantastic bunch of children we have in our top class. I always say that Year 6 set the tone for the whole school and the whole lot of them are doing a wonderful job of being positive role models this year.

Fr Bill has been back in again this week. The Faith Friends and Guiding Lights had prepared a liturgy about reconciliation and afterwards Year 4 to 6 had the opportunity to go to speak to Fr Bill.

I hope everyone has a great Easter and we will see you back on 29 April raring to go for the summer term!

PTA EVENTS

Ice Pops will be back on sale after the Easter break. This will be on a Friday after assembly on the top playground at 20 p each. Please make sure that the tips cut off are placed in the bin – not on the playground. Thanks.

Thank you to our hardworking PTA who organised another successful event in the Easter Fair. We are already looking forward to the space disco!

STOCKPORT HARRIERS

Medals for those cross country children who have competed in five races at Woodbank Park this season were awarded by Mrs Ashton in assembly today. Stockport Harriers provided these medals and there was a special trophy for Rosie in Year 6 for finishing 3rd overall in the Stockport Schools competition. We also had certificates for our other cross country runners. Everyone that takes part makes up our super cross country team. Thanks to Mrs Ashton for her dedication to this aspect of our school life.

MANCHESTER MARATHON

Continuing on the theme of running, congratulations to Mrs Ashton and Mrs Rushton for completing the Manchester Marathon in 4hrs 22min and 4hrs 31min respectively. When we get our Daily Mile track on the field, we'll have them sub-4hrs in no time.

SCRATCH CLUB

Scratch Club for the Year 5 and 6 finished this week Thursday 11 April. Following the Easter break this has been offered to Year 4 – and is now full. It will start on Thursday 2 May 8.00 am – 8.45 am.

UK SPORTS MULTI SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Due to the big response to the Multi Skills After School club to be held on a Monday after Easter, UK sports are offering a further course on a Thursday after school, for 4 weeks. There

are still a few places left at this club. It is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you would like your child to join please see Mrs Biggs in the office by as soon as possible.

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. Also due to SATs week there will be no guitar lessons on Tuesday 14 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

Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 1 who are this week's attendance winners!

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| Reception | 95.2 | Year 1 | 99.3 | | |
| Year 2 | 96.5 | Year 3 | 96.2 | | |
| Year 4 | 96.4 | Year 5 | 92.4 | Year 6 | 96.5 |

HOLY SPIRIT MASS TIMES OVER THE EASTER

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| Holy Thursday 18 April | 11.30-12.30 Adoration & Confessions 8.00 pm Mass of the "Lords Supper" 10.00 pm Night Prayer |
| Good Friday 19 April | 3.00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion 4.00-4.45 pm Confessions 5.30 PM Ecumenical Walk of witness |
| Holy Saturday 20 April | 2.00-3.30 pm Confessions & time of prayer 8.00 pm Easter Vigil (1st mass of Easter) |
| Easter Sunday 21 April | 9.30 am Mass of Easter Day |
| Easter Monday 22 April | 12 noon daily mass |
| Easter Tuesday 23 April | 12 noon daily mass |

There are also the following services at St Mary's New Mills and Marple Bridge

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| Maundy Thursday | 8.00 pm at New Mills |
| Good Friday | 3.00 pm at New Mills |
| Easter Vigil (Saturday) | 9.00 pm at Marple Bridge |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check for updates on a regular basis

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| Fri 12 Apr | Finish for end of term |
| Mon 29 Apr | Return to school |
| Mon 13 May | Y6 SATs week |

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Marple Residents

Please join Marple residents at the Navigation Hotel at 7pm on Tuesday the 23rd April for the first meeting of a community group to discuss how we can help people to walk and cycle more for short journeys in Marple. This is part of a Greater Manchester wide project being steered by the Mayor and Chris Boardman. We are EXTREMELY keen to have parents of all the local schools involved. We will be looking for input on issues such as suggestions for pedestrian crossings, traffic lights, traffic islands, wider pavements, bike paths, bollards, regulated parking, traffic calming and any other issue or suggestions that might make it easier, safer and more pleasant to walk and ride around Marple.

The Walk Ride Marple group has a facebook group where you can keep up to date with our progress: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/35069252223792/>

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 12.30pm at Woodbank Park there will be a family fun challenge. No experience of map reading required. Take part in safe and great adventure, searching for the secret markers. For further information please contact Samantha Barton on 0161 482 0918 or Samantha.barton@lifeleisure.net