



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We have been thinking about: The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word. In Monday Worship this week we studied this scripture passage, previously mentioned in the bulletin:

"I have come that you should have life – and have it to the full." John 10:10

The children were *full* of great ideas about how we can live the fullest life possible – and what brings us joy. We realise that God speaks to us in this passage by reminding us that life is for living and that he wants us to enjoy ourselves! We thought we would make a collage of pictures of children doing just that – living life to the full – in school and at home – in the simplest of ways: a country walk, a mug of hot chocolate, paddling in a puddle – whatever suits! Please let your child bring into school a photograph (one which does not need returning), so that we can stick it on the wall of our Holy Hub. We will add some school pictures as well.

We have been singing: 'One more step along the world I go,' remembering that God is with us every step of the way.

We have been caring about: the Australian bushfires. Two of our Y6 pupils wish to do a fundraiser for people affected by the fires in Australia. They have planned a £1 Zumba session to raise funds next Friday, 24 January. We will send a text out to the classes who are invited to attend once the details have been finalised!

PTA

You should have received notification this week via email of the PTA AGM to be held on 12 February 2020 in the school hall at 7 pm. Forms for nomination of PTA members are available from the school office and on the school website: these need to be returned in advance of the meeting. A description of the specific roles of the PTA committee is attached.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Intrahealth have this update for us:

Flu season is still upon us and there have been numerous outbreaks of flu. If you wish for your child to be vaccinated, there is a drop in clinic that will be held on Tuesday 21st January 2:30pm until 5pm at Denton Medical Practice 100 Ashton Road M34 3JE, for primary school age children. Thank you.

EARRINGS

There seems to have been some confusion about the school rule not to wear earrings at St Mary's. Quite simply, we ask that children do not come to school in earrings. If newly pierced, the ear lobes must be taped; pupils are unable to participate in swimming and PE wearing earrings; they can resume these lessons when their ears have settled and the earrings can be removed.

It is possible to ensure that piercings in ears do not close up if earrings are refitted on a child's return home and then removed before coming to school (4pm – 8am, generally). It is hoped that there is no further challenge on this matter, since it is entirely reasonable, and not uncommon, for schools to choose to follow this rule. Teachers are not able to remove earrings, so a text message will be sent home if earrings are spotted – which seems the



easiest way to alert parents who can then resolve the matter. Thank you, as ever, with your support.

DINNER MONEY

For the new term, dinner money will be £66 per term, £11 per week, £2.20 per meal. This should be paid in advance either via *school money* or by calling into the office with correct cash or cheque.

MAD SCIENCE

It has been confirmed that there was a good response to the Mad Science After School Programme and it will therefore be going ahead as scheduled on FRIDAYS after school for 1 hour, starting next week - 24 January. There are just 14 places remaining, so if you want to book your child onto the course, please do so online at <http://northengland.madscience.org/> or call the Mad Science Team on 01772 628844.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 22 Jan	PGL and Assessment meeting for Y6 parents – 6pm
Thursday 23 Jan	Y2 Trip to Manchester Fire Training and Safety Centre
Wednesday 5 February	Phonics meeting for Y1 parents – 6pm
Wednesday 12 Feb	Assessment meeting for Y2 parents – 6pm
Friday 14 February	Finish for half term
Monday 24 February	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 25 February	Children return to school
Wed-Friday 26-29 Feb	Life Caravan in school
Tues-Fri 3-6 March	Y6 PGL Residential
Wednesday 11 March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 4-7pm
Wednesday 18 March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 4-7pm
Wednesday 8 April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production: 2pm and 7pm in the school hall
Thursday 9 April	Finish for Easter Break

COMMUNITY NEWS

Public meeting with Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester

Come along to hear from the Mayor about his plan for public transport across the region, with a focus on the Marple area. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Tuesday 21 January, 6.00-7.30pm. St Martin's Parish Hall, Brabyn's Brow.

If you have any questions, please contact marplelabour@gmail.com

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Our parish communities would welcome children and their families to services each weekend. Here are the times, for ease of reference:

	St Mary's, Marple Bridge	The Annunciation, New Mills	Holy Spirit, Marple
Saturday Vigil Mass	6.30pm	N/A	6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass	11.15am	9.30am	9.00 am

Have a great weekend!