



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We have been thinking about how we treat others to show that we recognise that all people are important and special; everyone deserves love and respect. We heard the story of the Presentation of Jesus in our worship time on Monday where Simeon and Anna recognised Jesus as holy and special. We have been singing: God hears me when I pray. We have learned the British Sign Language signs for this prayerful song.

BOOK AMNESTY WEEK

We have one more week before our February half term break, when we want to gather back into school all those lost or forgotten reading and library books... There will be a book amnesty so that you can return all the extra books you might have at home: there will be a Dojo point for anyone who returns an overdue reading book!

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Life Leisure are offering a family challenge entitled: 'Train to Tokyo'. The prize is a week's free access to sport's camp activities for your child. Please email Judith.riddings@stockport.gov.uk with the names and ages of the children in the family and the school that they attend and information will be sent to you about the challenge.

The Sports Ambassadors have judged the competition based around the forthcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo. The children were asked by the Stockport School Sports Partnership to create a poster that promotes the Olympic Games. Winners collected their prizes and certificates today. Well done to all!

CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

During Childrens Mental Health Week, we raised £24.50 in donations, where children brought to school an item or picture to show bravery as part of the *Find My Brave* initiative. Any further monies can be sent into school next week.

PTA

The PTA AGM is 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.

PARENT MEETINGS

- Y2 parents are invited into school on 12 February at 6pm to hear about how children are assessed at the end of the academic year – including discussion about Y2 SATs.
- Don't forget! The PTA AGM follows the above meeting at 7pm on 12 February. PLEASE come along as this is your opportunity to have your say/ get involved/ hear about plans for spending and make a valuable contribution to the life of our school.
- Parent/ teacher consultations will take place on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 18 March, 4-7pm. Bookings will be taken from the last week of this half term – week beginning 25 February. (THIS IS A NEW DATE)

ENTRANCE HALL ARTWORK

To acknowledge Valentine's Day next Friday, when we can show our love for others, please make or create a heart in any way you choose! We will display these in the school entrance next week.



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES	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

CORONAVIRUS

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>. Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirusAdvice> for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above. What action you can take: A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 12 February	Assessment meeting for Y2 parents – 6pm PTA AGM – 7pm
Friday 14 February	Finish for half term
Monday 24 February	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 25 February	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 February	Ash Wednesday Service in school: 1.30pm (All Welcome)
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	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet: 2pm in school (all welcome) Finish for Easter Break

COMMUNITY NEWS

WRITING OPPORTUNITY: A Creative Writing Club is held at Marple Library on Saturdays 10 am for Primary aged children and 2 pm for Secondary aged children. See attached poster for more information.

SWIMMING AT LIFE LEISURE: Littleports Coaching: visit www.littleportscoaching.co.uk or phone 0800 0321806 to find out more about our unique football specific play programme for both boys and girls 18 months to 5 yrs and FC Academy for boys and girls aged 5-8 yrs.

ACE COACHING: Gymnastics and Trampolining for children aged 4-16 years at Hazel Grove, Dialstone and Bramhall Recreation Centres. Contact 07812 585 098; adam@acecoachinguk.co.uk or www.acecoachinguk.co.uk for further information.

UK Sports are inviting children to their grass roots football club training session. They run team training at Life Leisure Dialstone, Offerton (indoor) on Tuesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm and it is open to boys and girls. The taster session will be free of charge. For information please can contact UK Sports at info@uksportscoaching.co.uk Railway Pub,

MARPLE: My name is Michaela and I am currently a student at Aquinas College in Stockport. I am going to Kenya on a trip with college to volunteer. This trip will involve conservation of Kenya's endangered wildlife, building schools and houses for local rural communities and helping the locals to make resources that will allow them to sustain an income. To fund this trip, I am raising money, and one way I am doing this is by holding a quiz night at The Railway Pub in Marple on Saturday 22nd February. Would you be interested in attending? Tickets are £3.50 per person and teams can be from two to six people night- **To book tickets contact Michaela on: 07743044948**
22mogs@gmail.com

HAPPY WEEKEND!