



# 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 fact that Lent begins soon after we return to school after the February half term break. Fr Bill will be coming to join us at 1.30pm for a service of Ashes on Ash Wednesday.

We have been singing: *These ashes we receive reminding us, it's time for a change of heart... it's time for a brand new start... to follow in Jesus' way!*

### PTA

Thank you to all who attended the PTA AGM on Wednesday. We had an excellent meeting! Our outgoing PTA committee were rightly thanked for the enormous contribution they have made over a number of years: their hard work has enabled us, amongst other things, to purchase the exciting outdoor classroom which is being built as you read this bulletin... Our new committee have been appointed and are raring to go! A big thank you in advance to these generous people, who have innovative plans for the remainder of the year, including a World Book Day Disco on 6 March. Tickets will be onsale in the top playground from Wednesday 26 February at £2.50 each (cash and card accepted). Tickets will also be available from the office - but only cash/cheque accepted.

The new committee are:

Chair	Kate Scott	Committee member	Nora Wass
Vice-Chair	Emma McCubbin	Committee member	Claire Tognarelli
Treasurer	Lucy Gianferrari	Committee member	Victoria Kayes
Secretary	Heather Manuel	Committee member	Helen Mulryan
Staff member	Fionuala Boucher	Committee member	Clare Wall
Staff member	Katherine Bramhall	200 Club	Tori Taylor

### PARENT MEETINGS

Parent/ teacher consultations will take place on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 18 March, 4-7pm. Bookings will be taken on our return to school after the holidays.

### SCHOOL CARPARK

We ask all parents to drive with extreme caution, at all times, in and out of the school carpark. Our position at the end of the cul-de-sac requires everyone to assume that a child may run out at any time – so we must all cut our speed! Parking safely is vital; ensuring all around us are happy and safe is a priority. When collecting from Mad Science Club, please park and walk onto the site since the area is too busy on a Friday evening to allow cars to come into the carpark. Thank you.

### LIFE CARAVAN

Our annual visit from the Life Caravan takes place from 26-28 February. Each class will visit the caravan with staff where a practitioner skilled in working with children on age-related health and personal development topics will carry out fun activities and lead discussion. There are some designated slots for parents to go into the Life Caravan and find out more: Wednesday 26 February from 2.00-3.00pm; Thursday 27 February from 9.00-9.15am



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

## RHS TATTON FLOWER SHOW

The theme for 2020 is a **Secret Garden!** We want our school/gardening group to create their own Secret Garden – so, if the children could have their own garden space, just for them: what would it look like, what would be in it? You can think about one of the following themes: Mindfulness; Friendship; Discovery; Imagination; The healing power of gardens. Please share any design ideas you have, in any way you wish, by FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. Your ideas and designs will be incorporated into our final planning and we will include your overviews in a special scrapbook about our St Mary's school garden entry.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We are planning to have a World Book Week! Each day will have a different focus. On Thursday – the day itself – children can opt to wear pyjamas/ cosy clothes, as if ready for their favourite bedtime story.

On the Friday there will be a PTA World Book Disco – where children can dress up as their favourite book character. (see PTA news overleaf).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	<b>INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
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
Fri 6 March	PTA World Book Day Disco
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

**HOLY SPIRIT QUIZ** takes place on Friday 28 February at church. It is sure to be a great night! There will be light refreshments, a cash bar and a raffle. Tickets are £5.

**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:** LittleSports Coaching: visit [www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.littlesportscoaching.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](mailto:adam@acecoachinguk.co.uk) or [www.acecoachinguk.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:22mogs@gmail.com)

**HAPPY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY! SEE YOU ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY!**