



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We will be thinking about the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary which, for schools, will take place on Monday 30 March. We are looking ahead to celebrate that England was given as a gift to Mary in 1381 by King Richard II. At the end of the month, we will join with the Catholic community in renewing this promise: we renew our own and our communal pledge to Mary as the first disciple of Jesus and as an example to follow. This is a special time for us – as already our school is dedicated to Mary!

We have been singing: *Mary, Mother of God: teach us in your ways. Mary, Mother of God, lead us to your Son. Living in faith, always trusting in God - all generations call her blessed!*

We have been learning about Sikhism in our Other Faiths week. We had a visit from Mrs Lightowler, who set us off with exciting and interactive learning about the Sikh faith in the early part of the week, with follow up activities in classrooms across the school.

We have circulated our Lenten Packs, which are now with Y2. These packs contain a small figure of Jesus alongside reflections to support spiritual growth during this special season. Please ensure that the pack is returned the very next day, so that every family will receive their turn before Easter. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

To all those parents who came into help with reading stories during book week. We loved having you in school! We are planning to have regular slots for visitors to come and share stories: let us know if you are interested in becoming involved.

PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all those who joined us on Wednesday this week for Parents' Evening. The second Parent/teacher consultations will take place on Wednesday 18 March, 16:00-19:00. We have feedback forms available which we would be grateful for you to complete following your meeting with the teachers.

CORONAVIRUS

In school, we are paying extra attention to keeping our hands and environment super clean. Hand washing is of increased importance; cleaning methods are more scrupulous than ever.

For the most up-to-date news from our Trust, please keep an eye on our school website's front page (see link above). From here, you will be able to click to the Trust information which is being updated on a regular basis in line with Governmental advice.

STOCKPORT JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CHOIR CONCERT

Our Y3 children will be participating in a Stockport Junior Choirs' Concert with a theme of Animals at the Town Hall on Thursday 2 April 2020 at 19:00. Practicing has already started! Please keep this date free: tickets are now on sale from the office. Y3 families have received a letter about this recently.

INVITATION: CYBERSAFETY

As parents, family members, teachers... are we all as internet and social media savvy as we could be? This is what we would like to explore. With the changing world online and the growing number of ways social media is accessed, it can be hard to cover this topic without discussion and input from experts.

We invite parents and carers to come into school on Monday 6 April at the start of the school day to a session for adults: we ran a similar event which was extremely well received earlier in the school year – and many people asked us to repeat the session. We already cover age-appropriate aspects of cyber safety within our curriculum plan for Computing: now we would like to ensure that we give parents the opportunity to review and revise their own knowledge to support our children. .



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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

PGL

We had an amazing Y6 residential last week at PGL. Thank you to all those who helped to make it possible: supportive parents, dedicated staff and enthusiastic children! Later in the year, there will be a PGL assembly to enjoy: in the meantime, there are some lovely photos showing in the entrance hall.

RHS TATTON FLOWER SHOW ENTRY

A huge THANK YOU must go to all those children who have put together their thoughts and ideas for this year's school entry into the Tatton Flower Show. In the entrance, there is a wealth of colour and artistic representation of what our very own Secret Garden could look like. Watch this space for updates about the final design!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 18 March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 4-7pm
Thursday 2 April	Y3 Concert at the Town Hall: tickets £5 for adults and £2.50 for children
Friday 3 April	PTA Easter Bunny Hop 3.30-4.45pm
Monday 6 April	CyberSafety talk TBC
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
Monday 27 April	Back to school for Pentecost Term!
Friday 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY – school will be closed
Monday 11 May	Y6 SATs week begins
Friday 22 May	End of half term

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020

Stockport Council is celebrating International Women's Day 2020 by hosting an event for local young people on **Monday 16th March**. **Places are going fast so please do make sure you have reserved your space.** This event will be held in the Stockport Town Hall Ballroom from **4.30pm to 7.00pm**. Women in prominent leadership roles in and around Stockport will be doing a Q&A panel with local young people from across Stockport, who will be invited to submit questions and engage in a discussion with the theme 'Women leading into the future'. We are also going to be doing some fun International Women's Day-themed activities.

The mixed-gender event is targeted at young people of secondary school and college age and will consider gender stereotypes and what leadership means to young people across Stockport today. It is designed to be a celebration of leadership in all its forms. Food and drink will be provided upon arrival. Tickets are free!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iwd2020-stockport-council-women-leading-into-the-future-tickets-92183795213>

REQUEST FROM OUR LA EARLY YEARS TEAM

Dear Parents/ carers

Can you spare 15 minutes to complete our short survey on the early years and what supports your child's development as they learn to talk? In Stockport we are working hard to better understand what support children and their families need before starting school. Your responses will help us to make sure that the help you need is available and improve the way we work together to give your child/children the best start in life.

You can complete the survey by following the link below until 17th March 2019.

<https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/schools/title-star-well-in-the-earliest-years-parent-carer/>

Please share this with family members and friends. The more responses we receive, the more this will help us to understand what we can do to make a difference for all children in Stockport.

Marple Athletic Wildcats Football are looking for girls aged 7 and above, of all levels of ability, to join our teams. Training takes place at Marple College on Thursday evening 6-7pm and 7-8pm is £3 per week. Your first session is free. Matches are played on Saturday mornings. For more information please check the Marple athletic Facebook page or contact us at secretarymajfc.com. Wildcats is a friendly and inclusive program and we would love to welcome you along.

Have a great weekend!