



# St. Mary's Catholic

## Primary School

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*'Happy are those who hear the word of God  
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in our Lenten Mass Canon Adrian talked about a **Golden rule** we heard in the Gospel reading **"Treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves"**. Such a simple rule but one which may have enormous impact. As a School we are driven to live our lives as Jesus taught us and to help others.

We all know that many people experience sadness and times of worry and perhaps during this special period of Lent we can try especially hard and challenge ourselves to apply this golden rule. We reflect on those suffering in Ukraine and we pray that others may be guided by this rule and that it may bring about change. We pray they may experience Peace.

The next two weeks activities are shown below;

Thursday 17th March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	St. Patricks Day – Wear Green/ Something to celebrate St. Patricks day and please bring £1.00. Monies to be shared with CAFOD (Ukraine appeal) and Cancer charities
Thursday 24th March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	Wear you PJ's day- Please bring £1.00 for our charities and dress in you pj's

## Lenten Colour Stalls

On Thursday we held our colour stalls and it is safe to say everyone was very excited!! Thank you for your wonderful donations which enabled us to create a fun colour market!!

We raised a fantastic **£151.45** which we shall add to our brilliant total which will be shared between CAFOD for the Ukraine appeal and Cancer Charities.

Below are some exciting pictures of the sales in action !!!



## **Ukraine – Supporting our young people**

Please find below some resources you may find of use when talking to children and/ or answering any questions on this difficult topic.

In our entrance Foyer you will find some self-help guidance sheets please feel free to come in and collect one. You may wish to also take the opportunity to add a thought or prayer to our prayer tree.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258>

### **Our Prayer from CAFOD**

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine for all  
those suffering or afraid that you will  
be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion,  
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world that in this moment  
of crisis we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that  
peace and justice become a reality for  
the people of Ukraine and for all the world.*

*Amen.*

## **First Holy Communion**

This week our First Holy Communion participants made their First Confession and it was noted how reverent and respectful they all were in church. Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Beesley and the Nuns at St. Mary's would like to say how proud they all are of you all!!

*Harry Bass, Nicholas Bielas-Barnes, Lilliana Conway, Noah Foxall- Holmes, Eden Heslop, Tommy Holland-Bass, Agatha Holmes, Ella Jackson, Jack Moyes, Annie Nelson, Edie Robinson, Jake Skeffington, Deondre Thompson, Elliott Williams and Georgia Purkis.*

Also, a reminder that First Holy Communion classes will be on the 26th April, 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> of May, children will be collected by Mrs. Fitzpatrick and the Team from school. Children will make their First Holy Communion at the 9.00 am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 22nd May.

## **Exciting website updates**

### **Wider Learning Links**



To help develop and extend the learning of our children across school, we now have a BRAND-NEW section on our school website, filled with places to go, things to see and do as well as lots of other exciting information based on your child's current topic in their class. Check out the link below to find out what EXCITING information awaits you! This information will be up-dated half termly to reflect the new topic being taught in school.

<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk/wider-links/>

### **Learning from Around School**



To share some of the WONDERFUL activities and lessons we get up to in school, we have created a place where you can now see what have been getting up to, while we're at school. Check out the link below to see what AMAZING things we get up to during a typical day at St Mary's!

<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk/a-day-in-the-life-at-st-marys-primary-school/>

## **Science Week!**

Next week is Science week and the theme this year is "Growth" On Friday, each class will complete an exciting experiment based around this theme and also investigate the important role that scientists play in our modern world! Keep a look out on Seesaw for some pictures of our work!

## **EAT Competition**



Thank you for the entries that have already come into school for our fantastic EAT Competition. Just a reminder, the aim is to design up to 3 NEW characters that represent our EAT Learning in school.

These are:

E- Explore Learner

A- Active Learner

T- Thinking Learner

The winners will be announced at the end of this half term, so get those entries into school as soon as you can! Thank you - Mr C

Full details can also be found on our school website!

## **Covid-19- Important information**

As you will be aware the Government have published their 'Living with Covid' plan effective from 24.2.22. As I write, we await additional/ further guidance from our Local Authority and, as you will appreciate, each school will have to ensure that they apply any guidance in such a manner it supports their own setting and their individual risk assessment so that we can work to keep each other safe.

A key change is that the 'Legal' requirement to Self-Isolate has been removed, however, the guidance STILL STATES that people who are positive should isolate to prevent the spread see below:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

**"Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting"**

Whilst there are many positives in moving forward it remains our priority to **keep everyone safe and ensure school remains open**. I will continue to advise you and keep families fully informed as we receive any additional guidance or information.

In Summary;

- At present anyone presenting with symptoms of Covid -19 are encouraged to seek a PCR test. Testing is **still available** (guidance will be updated 1.4.22)
- Anyone who tests positive for Covid- 19 should follow the above guidance and remain at home

- Any pupil who is unwell should remain at home. If pupils have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea they should remain at home for 48 hours.

## **Celebration Assembly – Family Invitation**

We continue to extend our invitation to families to join us at our Celebration assembly each Friday.

We invite those parents/ carers of the pupil's being celebrated only at this point. If you child's name is on the bottom section of this newsletter we would welcome you to come along next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15 am**. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. To attend the Celebration Assembly please come down to the Hall via the driveway.

## **School Holiday/ Term dates**

Please note our term dates can be found on our website. On 22/23 dates one ammendment has been made and school closes on 15.12.22.

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our Breakfast and After School clubs each day. I know this is invaluable service for many families.

In order to book spaces we ask that families complete a booking form and send payment in at the time of booking. **We are only able to secure booking with payments.** We have limits on the maximum pupils that are able to attend due to staffing and ratios so please do complete the relevant forms well in advance.

**Our clubs are run on a non-profit basis to provide a service to our families. If we do not receive payments in advance and have outstanding payments due we will not be able to continue to run our clubs.**

Should you require a booking form for either please see Mrs Lofthouse or Miss Harrison  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.05 pm each week. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

## **AFC Fylde Easter Camp**

Our Coach Dan shares this link to the AFC Fylde Easter Camp This camp is run externally to school so any questions/ queries would have to be via AFC Fylde directly.



The poster features the AFC Fylde Community Foundation logo on the left, which includes a circular emblem with a ship and the text 'AFC FYLDE' and 'COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'. To the right, the text 'EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP' is written in large, bold, white letters on a red background. Below this, the dates 'MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK ONE)' and 'MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL (WEEK TWO)' are listed in white on a dark blue background. At the bottom left, there is a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button below it. To the right of the QR code, the text '8AM - 5PM AT KIRKHAM ST MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in blue, followed by 'BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!' in large, bold, red letters.

**EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP**

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## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Keon Bruney	Chloe Brogden	Nio Qereqeretabua
Class 2	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	Jamie Bass	Joe O'Donnell
Class 3	Harry Bass	Ella Jackson	Harry Bass
Class 4	Charlie Whitehead	Oliver Hodson	Jessica Eland

*At St. Mary's School we*

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,  
Work hard together to achieve our best,  
Respect each other and the world around us,  
Have fun and enjoy learning!"

