



**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,

A lovely week in school which ended with us surrounded in glorious sunshine as we planted saplings as a whole School – to create our very own Jubilee Wood.

The next two weeks Lenten activities are shown below;

Thursday 24th March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	Wear your PJ's day- Please bring £1.00 for our charities and dress in you pj's
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	Cake Sale – Bring some cakes to donate and some spending money for our Cake sale. All Monies to our two new charities – CAFOD and Macmillan Cancer Charity

### **Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day !**

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we wore green and raised even more money for our two chosen charities. Thank you for helping us raise £93.00

### **Tree Planting**

In order to Celebrate and commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we planted a special tree donated by Lancashire County Council by our School Prayer Area " *The Garden of Prayer and Friendship*" - Class 1 had this special responsibility within their Forest school session whilst all other classes had the opportunity to plant throughout the week - Every single adult in school has planted one too!

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree



*"We got to talk to Class 2 and get to know them more. It was lovely helping them plant trees"* Joseph Green- Banks and Jaiden Connell, Class 4

*"Everyone really enjoyed planting- they were so enthusiastic and actually happy to get their hands dirty and have a go- it was great to see. They asked fantastic questions about how the roots grow and spread and how the trees are protected too "* Mrs. Royles  
Class 3

*"We were planting trees to make their mark and leave a legacy"* Mrs. Reid, Class 1  
Here we are 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.*

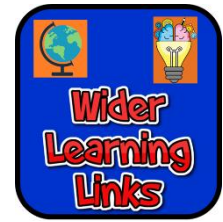
*We pray for the world that in this moment  
of crisis we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*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.*



## **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 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/>

## **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 24<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 crest with a ship and the text 'AFC FYLDE' and 'COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'. To the right of the logo, the words 'EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP' are written in large, bold, white capital letters on a red background. Below this, on a dark blue background, the dates 'MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK ONE)' and 'MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL (WEEK TWO)' are listed in white capital letters.



A square QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the poster, enclosed in a black border.

8AM - 5PM AT KIRKHAM  
ST MICHAELS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

**BOOK YOUR  
PLACE NOW!**

SCAN ME

## Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Tempest Photography Class Photographs

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Defibrillator training for Class 4 and all staff in the school day

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Cross Country competition – Team from Class 4

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Football competition- Team from Class 4

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for the Easter Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – School opens

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School closed for May Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half-term

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – School opens

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Oliver Lawson	Esmee Woodruff-Brown	Ava Capper
Class 2	Jessica Simpson	Freddie Reid	Violet Jameson
Class 3	Edie Robinson	Ella Mullarkey	William Doherty
Class 4	Callum Tennant	Alfie Shaw	Mylo Sanderson

*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!"*

