



St. Mary's Catholic

Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 25th March 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been blessed with some warm weather and some lovely sunshine this week. As our weather becomes warmer pupils are encouraged to bring in water bottles and sun hats. Should you require a permission letter for the use of sun cream, this can be obtained from our school office. Pupils are invited to move to our summer uniform after we return from the Easter break. All uniform is available from the stockists listed on our website. Bang Bang Uniform suppliers will bring these stock items on the next visit. In addition, the Year 6 children transferring to High School in September will be able to try on uniform and start payment plans.

The next two weeks Lenten activities are shown below;

Thursday 31 st 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
Thursday 7 th April	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	Easter Bonnet Competition – Please bring the Bonnets in on the morning of the competition £1 to enter for our Charities - CAFOD and Macmillan

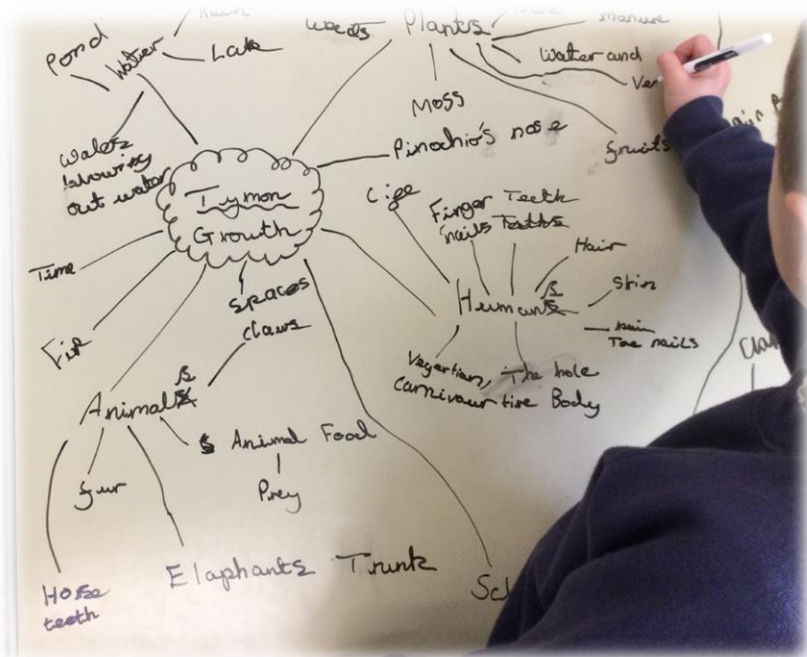
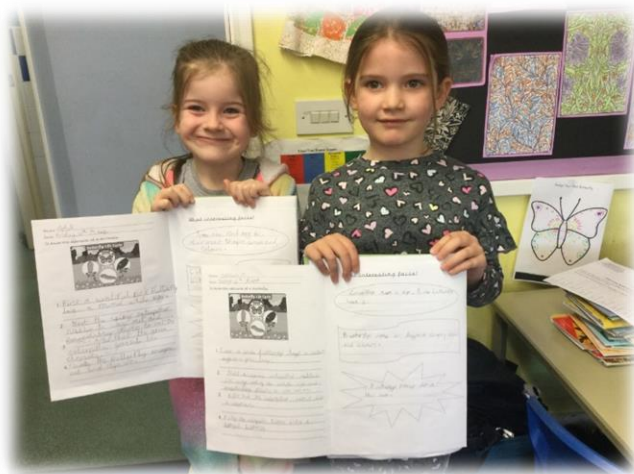
Retirement news

Mrs. Williams will be retiring at the end of this academic year in July. Mrs. Williams has been a member of our school family for over 20 years and has taught across all year groups-leading our school in many key areas such as RE and Special Educational Needs. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and we will celebrate this in the Summer term. The recruitment process is underway and we will update you in due course.

Science Week

Last Friday 18th March every class enjoyed a special Science day as part of National Science Week. The themes this year were 'Growth' and 'Smashing Stereotypes in Science.' Each class completed work on these themes and learnt about the many diverse jobs in Science. Maybe one of our children will become a famous Scientist in the future! *Mr. Taylor*

Here we are in action



De fib training

On Wednesday Class 4 Pupils and all staff members undertook Basic CPR training and Defibrillation training. We are very lucky to have a Defibrillation unit on our school grounds and have this available for Community use.

Jacqui our trainer told us about how important it was to administer chest compressions to keep Oxygen flowing and we used 'Dummy' machines to practice following the instructions off the machine to ultimately save a life.



"Yesterday we learnt about Defibrillators and CPR. I think this was useful as if anyone were to pass out and their heart wasn't working we could offer the best assistance!! I learnt that the Defibrillator tells you what to do so you won't be stuck. I felt very good to have these lifesaving skills so I could potentially save someone's life!" *Jack Spickett, Class 4*

Easter Raffle

Your child will have brought home a form for the Easter Raffle tickets. Please send in any monies in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. Tickets are priced at 50p each.

National Autism Week- Odd Socks Day 1st April 2022

Next week it is National Autism Week and to mark this will be wear Odd Socks – to celebrate we are all different, unique and special. Our differences make us who we are and we are all precious in God's eyes. There is NO charge for Odd Socks Day.

Golden Hill Specialist school share the link below to explain Autism which you may wish to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

The National Autistic society <https://www.autism.org.uk/> has lots of information and fantastic support links

We are here to support you too should you have any questions, queries or require any additional information.

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.

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 1st April 2022 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 shield with a ship and the text 'AFC FYLDE' and 'COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'. To the right of the logo, the words 'EASTER' and 'ACTIVITY CAMP' are written in large, bold, white capital letters on a red background. Below this, on a dark blue background, the dates are listed: 'MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK ONE)' and 'MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL (WEEK TWO)'. At the bottom left 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 capital letters.

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ACTIVITY CAMP**

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SCAN ME

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 1st April – Odd Socks Day- Autism Awareness

Tuesday 5th April – Class 3's Easter Production @ 10.00 a.m & 4.00 p.m.

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

Monday 25th April – School opens

Monday 2nd May – School closed for May Day

Friday 27th May – School closes for half-term

Wednesday 8th June – School opens

Wednesday 20th July – School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Atonio Qereqeretabua	William McMillan	Jade Beresford
Class 2	Isaac Aya	Max Tidmarsh	Henry Doherty
Class 3	Elliott Capper	Finney Griffiths	James Picking
Class 4	Cole Simpson	Finnley Foxall-Holmes	Luke Moyes

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!"

