

St. Mary's Catholic

Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 1st April 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another fun week with lots of exciting learning taking place once more in school!!

Our final Lenten activity is shown below;

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

Easter Cake Sale

Thank you for your generous donations of cakes for our Lenten Easter cake sale. We could not believe how many delicious cakes and biscuits we received! We raised a fantastic £158.00 for our two charities and every enjoyed some delicious treats!!





National Autism Week - Odd Socks Day 1st April 2022

"We wore odd socks to represent Autistic Day celebrating that we are all different and no one is the same" George Stevens, Class 4

"On Friday we wore odd socks because it is National Autism Week. It shows that we are only different/unique which makes our world a better place!" Summer Leigh Whitlock, Class 4

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle tickets are on sale until next Thursday 6th of April!! If you wish to buy any raffle tickets please send any monies into school in a labelled envelope. Should you require an additional tickets order form please ask in the school Office. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

After Easter all pupils are required to move into their Summer Uniform. Full details of our correct school Uniform can be found on our school website. For your convenience the uniform details are also listed below.

As you be aware we are in our transition period and as such I detail the uniform for both versions.

Current/ old uniform

Blue polo shirt. Sweatshirt or cardigan. Grey knee length tailored shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Light blue checked dress. Sweatshirt or cardigan. White ankle socks and black school shoes.

New Uniform – Statutory from September. Transition period at present.

Short sleeved shirt with tie. Jumper or cardigan. Tailored grey shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes

Light blue checked dress. Cardigan or jumper. White ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Only Summer dresses are permitted and not checked shorts or skorts.

Please note: Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be in school colours only. Trainers are not permitted. Pupils will be asked to change into PE pumps and loaned items from lost property if the appropriate items are not worn.

Any exceptions to the uniform for religious/ medical purposes must be discussed in advance with myself.

All pupils are required to be in full uniform – So, for example, if pupils are in the new uniform they must wear a tie at all times. Shirts must be buttoned and tucked in. Thank you for working with us to ensure all pupils are in our correct uniform and feel proud to be the best they can be!

Extra Curricular Clubs

A reminder as per text sent out this week, due to the AFC Fylde Summer camps next week there will be NO after school clubs – Dodgeballs, hockey, dance or Multi skills next week. Thank you for your understanding.

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.*

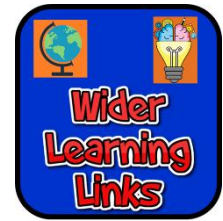
*We pray for world leaders, for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*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

Mr. C has extended the date for the competition until Monday so you still have time to enter. Please hand in any entries to Mr. C and winners will be announced next Thursday in our assembly.

Covid-19- Important information

As part of the Governments Living with Covid plans further changes are effective from today (1.4.22). For most people free testing will end.

The advice is as follows;

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

We ask for your continued support in helping us to reduce the spread as we would with any illness or infection.

If pupils have experienced a high temperature, sickness and or diarrhoea we would ask that they remain at home for 48 hours. Thank you for support.

Celebration Assembly – Family Invitation - Platinum stars !!!!!

As we finish school on Thursday the 7th. Our final celebration assembly before the Easter break will take place on Thursday 7th April at 9.15 am.

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 on Thursday 7th April 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.

In addition we will be announcing our Spring Platinum Star winners. This award is given for EXEMPLARY behaviour and should your child be nominated for this Award we will text you to come along!!

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.

As indicated on the forms we require payment in advance to secure bookings. **Pupils will NOT be able to attend unless payment has been made 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.



Dates for your Diary:

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	Roisin Moss	Robert Hanson	Keon Bruney
Class 2	Maxwell Houlding	Louisa Nelson	Isla Pennington
Class 3	Cody Smith	Freya Stevens	Elliott Capper
Class 4	Leah Whitehead	Oliver Hooper	Jaiden Connell

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!”

