

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 2019

Thursday 17th January 2019

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is **JOY**. It would be a great new year's resolution to spend some family time together each week reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy of the Good News.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

We have added an option to pay the School Building Fund contribution via Parent Mail. The appeal for contributions is made each year. The suggested voluntary contribution is £15 per child, but you are free to give more or less than this.

UPDATED SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have added a 'Vacancies' page to our school website, advertising our current employment vacancies in school. Please have a look at <http://stmarysprimarydukinfield.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL

Our next mass in school will take place tomorrow, Friday 18th January 2019. This will be a Year 6 Prayer Leaders' mass. Parents, carers and friends are all very welcome to attend any and all of our school masses.

ADMISSIONS POLICY PROPOSED CHANGES

We are currently consulting on proposed changes to our admissions policy for entry to school in the academic year 2020-2021. We would welcome your comments. All the relevant information (as well as how to respond) is on the school website at: <http://stmarysprimarydukinfield.co.uk/about-us/policies/> The consultation period closes tomorrow, Friday 18th January 2019.

SPONSORED SPELL

Many thanks for all the hard work that we know went in to helping your child to learn the spellings and gather sponsorship money for our sponsored spell. All money raised should be returned to school by **Monday 21st January**. There will be a prize for the one child in school who raises the most sponsorship money. The most successful spellers from each phase (eg – upper KS2, lower KS2, etc) will proceed to the next round of the competition – our school Spelling Bee.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be another workshop for parents/carers and the children from Year 3. This will take place in school on Thursday 31st January at 6.00pm. There will be a Family Mass for Year 3 pupils and their families at St Mary's Church, Zetland Street, Dukinfield on Sunday 3rd February at **10.30am**.

PUMPS OR BARE FEET FOR INDOOR PE

Most PE sessions are currently taking place in the school hall. Children need plain black pumps (plimsolls) for this. If pupils do not have pumps, then they will do PE in bare feet – trainers are not allowed for indoor PE.

CHANGE FOR LIFE

Every child in school will bring home a Change 4 Life booklet and leaflet this week. This is part of a campaign aimed at reducing childhood obesity and tooth decay. Please have a good look through it and use it with your child(ren).

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. These can be emailed to:- comments@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk

CHINESE NEW YEAR MEAL IN SCHOOL

This year the school will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a dinner on **Tuesday 5th February 2019**. There will be a range of dishes available including chicken with sweet and sour dipping sauce, vegetable spring rolls, noodles and prawn crackers.

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a Chinese New Year meal please inform school by **Wednesday 23rd January 2019** (either by person or by Parentmail). Payment must also be made by this date. No orders will be accepted after the 23rd January 2019.

For children in the Infants who do not usually have a school dinner the meal will be free (because of the Universal entitlement to a free school meal in Reception and KS1). Parents of children in Key Stage Two wishing to have a Chinese New Year Meal will have to pay £2.25p. This can be done on Parentmail, under the Payments>Dinner section.



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

On 21st January 2019 Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School is implementing a new project that will run jointly between Tameside schools and Greater Manchester Police. This project is called Operation Encompass. It aims to support children who are affected by domestic violence by ensuring that their school is informed. This allows the school to support the children. You ought to have received a letter about this earlier in the week. If you have any other questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY PLEASE

Please make sure that your child comes to school in full school uniform every day – including smart black school shoes – **NOT** trainers of any kind – even black ones. Long hair must be neatly tied back. No extreme hairstyles or hair motifs are allowed. No nail varnish, make-up or jo-jo bows are allowed.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 18 th January	Year 6 (Prayer Leaders') Mass in school hall at 9am– all are welcome
Friday 18 th January	Closing date for TA3 vacancy (4pm)
Wednesday 23 rd January	TCSSA Indoor Football competition at Copley – separate letter to follow for those selected
Friday 25 th January	Year 4 mass in school hall at 9am
Thursday 31 st January	Sacramental Programme Workshop in school hall at 6pm
Friday 1 st February	Year 5 mass in school hall at 9am
Sunday 3 rd February	Sacramental Programme Family Mass at St Mary's Church at 10.30am