



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2019

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Words are **GOOD NEWS**. Please spend some family time together each week reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy of the Good News.

CLOSING DUE TO THE SNOW

As we are entering the season where there may be snow and ice, we thought it prudent to remind parents of the procedure at St Mary's in relation to any unavoidable school closures. School is never closed on a whim and our decisions are made in good faith and with the balance of risks always tilting towards everyone's safety. The best way to find out if we are open as a result of the snow is to check the school's website www.st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk just after 8am on snowy days. If we can, we will use other methods (e.g. – Twitter, ParentMail) as well but sometimes the decision is based on staffing levels (not just weather conditions) and we sometimes cannot make the decision until just before 8am.

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.

OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL

Our next mass in school will take place tomorrow, Friday 25th January 2019. This will be a Year 4's mass. Year 5 will have prepared the mass in school on Friday 1st February. It will be Year 2's mass on Friday 8th February and Year 6's on Friday 15th February. Parents, carers and friends are all very welcome to attend any and all of our school masses.

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.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Unfortunately, Signora Lucci will not be with us next Tuesday (29th January) or the Tuesday after (5th February) so there will be no after-school Italian club on these two days.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY



...is coming to Saint Mary's on Friday 1st February. Children may dress up in Maths themed clothes and bring £1 for the NSPCC. We will have some great Maths activities going on throughout the day (including the grand finale of Time Tables Rock Star) as well as a cake sale and colouring competition in aid of NSPCC.

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

Thursday 24th 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. **If you haven't already done so, can you please return all money raised, as soon as possible.** 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.

FOREST SCHOOL KIT REMINDER

We will not be phoning home for pupils who forget to bring PE kit, swimming kit or PE kit. Please help your child to organise themselves to ensure that they have all the correct items of kit on the correct day. Many thanks in advance.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

On 21st January 2019 Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School implemented 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 last week. If you have any other questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

IF YOU PARK ON THE TURNING CIRCLE

...then please drive away safely as soon as you have collected or dropped off your child. Please do not hold conversations with other parents and carers which delay other parents and carers from dropping their children off. The turning circle needs to be used by many people and it helps if everyone's occupancy of it is as brief as is safely possible.

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 25 th January	Year 4 mass in school hall at 9am
Tuesday 29 th January	NO After-School Italian Class today
Wednesday 30 th January	Reception eye tests
Wednesday 30 th January	NO After-School JASS today
Thursday 31 st January	Sacramental Programme Workshop in school hall at 6pm
Friday 1 st February	Year 5 mass in school hall at 9am
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number Day – number themed non-uniform and £1 donation please
Sunday 3 rd February	Sacramental Programme Family Mass at St Mary's Church at 10.30am
Tuesday 5 th February	Chinese New Year Meal in school
Tuesday 5 th February	NO After-School Italian Class today
Thursday 7 th February	Sacramental Programme Workshop in school hall at 2pm