



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 2019

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **WEDNESDAY WORD**

This week's Wednesday Word is the booklet version which covers the next few weeks. Please spend some family time together during the half-term holidays, reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy and love of the Good News.

### **OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL**

Our next mass in school will be Year 6's mass tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Parents, carers and friends are all very welcome to attend any and all of our school masses. We will have a staff mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March (St David's Day), and there will be no mass in school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS**

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended this afternoon's workshop. This is just a reminder that the Year 3 Penitential Service planned for 1.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May will now take place at **2pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. The Workshop (#6) planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm will now take place at **2pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. If you would like your child to have a commemorative First Holy Communion tie, then the deadline for ordering is tomorrow - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The next celebration in church as part of the sacramental programme will be at 7pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, when the children will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness.

### **PLEASE SWITCH YOUR CAR ENGINE OFF**

Many people will have seen or read recent news articles about the danger posed to children's health from particles emitted by exhausts from vehicle engines. Children may be 30% more exposed to exhaust fumes – and the potentially long-term health risks – because they are smaller than adults. Please turn your car engine off once you have parked at St Mary's in order to ensure that you are not contributing to this risk to health. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

### **SPACES IN BEE'S KNEES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Our before and after school care club has a very limited number of vacancies at the moment on certain mornings and some evenings. Please pop in to school or alternatively phone Mrs Gail Pratt, Care Club Manager, on 07955 678962.

### **HEAD LICE**

If you suspect that your child has head lice then please go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/) for advice on how to treat them effectively.

### **RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER**

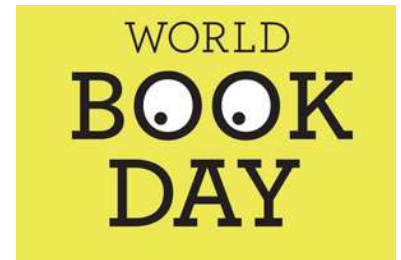
We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. These can be emailed to:- [comments@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-marys-dukinfield.tameside.sch.uk)

### **24 HOURS CLEAR OF VOMITING & DIARRHOEA**

Where a child at St Mary's has been vomiting and/or had diarrhoea then they must not return to school for 24 hours from the last episode of either. In circumstances where we have a cluster of cases of vomiting and/or diarrhoea then we may extend this exclusion period to 48 hours. In this instance you will be informed by school. We want children to be in school learning as much as possible - as long as they are well enough and do not pose a health risk to other pupils or staff. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY – ADVANCE NOTICE**

World Book Day 2019 will be celebrated at St Mary's on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Children will be allowed to dress up as a book character or an author on this day.



### **SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING – ADVANCE NOTICE**

A date for your diary is that Spring Term Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March between 3.45pm and 7.20pm. We will let parents and carers know when the booking system opens.

### **IF YOU GET A LETTER FROM SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE**

In order to ensure that children make the most progress possible in their time at St Mary's, we strongly encourage and promote good attendance. We have a robust approach to monitoring pupils' attendance and, when it drops below a good level, we take active steps to notify parents.

If you receive a letter about your child's attendance, please do not assume that we are blaming you. Instead, we are informing you, in the hope that we can work in partnership to give your child every advantage in doing as well as they possibly can. This starts with good attendance.

### **DIARY DATES:**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Mass in school hall at 9am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 to Y6 Spelling Bee in school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School breaks up for half-term holidays at 3.20pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school (gate open from 8.40am)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Staff Mass in school hall at 9am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday