



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2019

WEDNESDAY WORD

This week's Wednesday Word is still in the booklet version which has covered the last few weeks. Please spend some family time together this week, 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 tomorrow, Friday 1st March (St David's Day). There will be no mass in school on Friday 8th March. Mass on Friday 15th March will be Year 1's Mass for Lent Fast Day. It will be Year 2's Mass on Friday 22nd March. You are very welcome to attend any of our masses in school.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS

The next celebration will be in church as part of the sacramental programme. This will be at 7pm on Thursday 14th March 2019, when the children will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. We would be very grateful if any children from Year 4, 5 or 6 could attend in order to form a choir.

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.

LONDON RESIDENTIAL VISIT – REMINDER OF PAYMENT DEADLINE

Parents of pupils who have paid a deposit to attend the London Residential in June are politely reminded that full payment of all outstanding balances must be made by Friday 10th May 2019 or children will not be able to attend.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER VACANCY

Due to the retirement of Mrs Flynn - our highly regarded School Business Manager - at the end of the current academic year, we are seeking to recruit a skilled and motivated individual to join our happy and inclusive school on a permanent contract. The pattern of work will be 36 hours per week, term-time only plus two weeks (10 days). Full details of the vacancy are available on our website at <http://stmarysprimarydukinfield.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING 2019

Spring Term Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th March between 3.45pm and 7.20pm. The booking system will be open from Monday 4th March 2019. You can either book through the ParentMail app, or alternatively pop in or phone up the school office to make an appointment.

Appointment times are necessarily short (5 minutes each) and meetings will therefore focus exclusively on your child's academic progress. For this reason, all other issues relating to your child should be discussed at a mutually convenient time with your child's class teacher in advance of – or after - this date.

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 28th February 2019

BEING SAFE ON THE INTERNET

Before half-term we sent out a detailed letter urging parents to exercise caution in allowing pupils to use and upload content to YouTube. **This is a reminder that parents ought to be very vigilant about how their children are using social media.** There are some disturbing attempts to target and frighten children online at the moment. One of these is called 'MoMo'. Children have been informed in class this week about what to do if they stumble across anything that they are uncomfortable with whilst online. Some very useful online safety top tips about MoMo and many other potential pitfalls on the internet are available as pdf posters from:-

www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/

We recommend that you take a look at these.

In addition, please ensure that your child does not post comments about other pupils in our school which could be judged to be defamatory or classed as cyber-bullying. Should any such postings be brought to our attention then we will investigate them fully.

NO FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY

There will be no Forest School on Wednesday 6th March for Year 3 and Year 2 children. The final session for Y3 and Y2 will now be on Wednesday 3rd April, a week after originally planned.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2019

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

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

Please ensure that your child is supervised on the concourse before school starts and that they are not running around (and in danger of injuring themselves or others) at a time when staff are not responsible for pupils' safety and wellbeing – this only begins at 8.40am once pupils have entered school premises.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 1 st March	Staff Mass in school hall at 9am (Feast of St David)
Tuesday 5 th March	Quarter-final football away to Ravensfield (More details to follow)
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 5 th March	Reception 'Stay and Play' from 8.50am – 10.30am
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent (dispensation of ashes in school)
Wednesday 6 th March	No Forest School for Y3 and Y2
Thursday 7 th March	Reception 'Stay and Play' from 8.50am – 10.30am
Friday 8 th March	No mass in school today
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Friday 8 th March	TCSSA Swimming Gala at Denton Baths (More details to follow)