



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 2019

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

CLOSING DUE TO THE SNOW

We are clearly in the season where there may be snow. In extreme circumstances, this may result in school closure. St Mary's is never closed on a whim but our decisions are made 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 any 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 or snow levels) and we cannot make that 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.

OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL

Our next mass in school will take place tomorrow, Friday 1st February and will have been prepared by Year 5 staff and pupils. 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 **TONIGHT** - 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 (5th February) so there will be no after-school Italian club next Tuesday.

SMOKE FREE GATES

In line with Tameside's 'Smoke Free Gates' policy we thank all parents for not smoking anywhere on St Mary's premises – including in cars. E-cigarettes and vaping are included in our Smoke-free policy. Whilst this may be safer than smoking cigarettes, we want to strongly discourage learnt behaviour amongst our children. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Thursday 31st January 2019

NSPCC NUMBER DAY



...is coming to Saint Mary's **TOMORROW - 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. Children may bring (at most) an additional £1 in order to buy a colouring sheet (20p each) and have some cake money. All the money raised tomorrow will go to the NSPCC.

WORLD BOOK DAY – ADVANCE NOTICE

World Book Day 2019 will be celebrated at St Mary's on **Friday 8th 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 19th March between 3.45pm and 7.20pm. We will let parents and carers know when the booking system opens.

EASY FUNDRAISING

In order to help raise extra income for **Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School Dukinfield**, we would really appreciate it if you could visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and consider registering the name of our school (in bold above). It's 100% free to use and - once you have registered - it means that you can raise money for our school every time you shop online. Donations are available through over 3,500 online brands and retailers (including eBay and Amazon). You might even want to download the helpful Donation Reminder and mobile app so that you never forget to collect a free donation. You could have a look at reviews of this service on Trustpilot first. Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

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

DIARY DATES:

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