



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 2019

### **WEDNESDAY WORD**

This week's Wednesday Word is back to its usual leaflet format this week. Please spend some family time together this week, reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy and love of the Good News. This week's Wednesday Word is LENT.

### **LEADERSHIP OF ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Tuesday your child ought to have brought home a copy of the letter from our Chair of Governors, Father Oliver, on behalf of all of the Governing Board at St Mary's. This letter was also sent out on ParentMail. The letter details the plans for the continuation of strong leadership, high standards and effective teaching at our school in the light of Mr Murray's leaving in late April 2019. Please make sure that you read this letter carefully. Many thanks for your continuing support.

### **LENT 2019**

Lent is a time when we make spiritual preparation for the great season of Easter. As ever, the children have been asked to think about three things – to pray, to fast and to give. This Lent we have an additional focus provided by Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si', on the care for our Common Home, the Earth. We have a whole school pledge to increase the amount of plastic that we recycle. Every class has agreed a pledge too. During Lent it would be appropriate to make an additional personal pledge to help preserve God's creation. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Lenten Fast Day and non-uniform day. On this day we would like all pupils to bring at least £1 as a donation to CAFOD. Older children may want to consider going without a morning breaktime snack on this day too.

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

There will be no mass in school tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Mass on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March will be Year 1's Mass for Lent Fast Day. It will be Year 2's Mass on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March is will be our Reception Mass in honour of mothers and all who act in their place. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 or children will not be able to attend.

### **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)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING 2019**

Spring Term Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March between 3.45pm and 7.20pm. The booking system is now open. 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.**

### **BEING SAFE ON THE INTERNET**

There are some very useful online safety top tips available as pdf posters from:- [www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/) We recommend that you take a look at these.

### **EASY FUNDRAISING THANKS**

**Many thanks to everyone who has already done this – we are slowly raising money for school. If you missed it, please read below:**

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](http://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. You could have a look at reviews of this service on Trustpilot first. Many thanks for your consideration and many thanks to everyone who has already signed up. At the moment, 6 supporters have managed to raise £16.75...so just think how much we could effortlessly raise if we had 200+ supporters!

### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2019**

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

### **DIARY DATES:**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	No mass in school today
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	TCSSA Swimming Gala at Denton Baths (for those selected to compete)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Stay and Play
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Height and Weight checks
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Girls' Football match away to Broadbent Fold (separate letter to follow for those selected)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Mass and Lent Fast Day (non-uniform in return for £1 donation to CAFOD)