



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2019

Thursday 14th March 2019

WEDNESDAY WORD

Please spend some family time together this week and every week during Lent, reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy and love of the Good News. This week's Wednesday Word is ENCOURAGEMENT.

OUR NEXT MASS IN SCHOOL

Mass tomorrow, Friday 15th March, will be Year 1's Mass for Lent Fast Day. It will also be a non-uniform day – in return for at least a £1 donation to CAFOD. It will be Year 2's Mass on Friday 22nd March. On Friday 29th 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 TONIGHT Thursday 14th March 2019, when the children will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. We kindly ask that you arrive at church and are seated by 6.50 pm. The children do not need to be in uniform. We would be very grateful if any children from Year 4, 5 or 6 could attend in order to form a choir.

The red ties for First Holy Communion have arrived in school and are priced £4.25. Please come in as soon as possible to get the tie that you ordered.

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.

BEING KIND TO OUR NEIGHBOURS

If you are a parent/carer who drives to school in the morning then please be aware that there is a parking restriction in place on Cheetham Hill Road close to school which you **must** observe. Blocking of any of our neighbours' drives on Cheetham Hill Road in the morning or after school reflects negatively on us all and is just unacceptable – please do not do this for any reason, as there is no excuse. 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.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE

There will be football practice straight after school until 4.30pm on Friday 29th March and Friday 5th April for pupils in Y4, 5 and 6 who are already signed up.

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

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 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.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Abney Orchestra with guests the Incredible Plastic Street Band and St Luke's C of E Primary Choir, are holding a music concert featuring music from children's movies. This will take place at St Paul's Church, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, SK15 2PT on Sunday 24th March 2019 from 2.30pm – 4pm. Please come dressed as your favourite movie character! Adults £3, Children £1, under-2s: free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

TESCO UNIFORM EMBROIDERY SERVICE HAS CHANGED

Please note that the Tesco Uniform Embroidery Service has now changed to **My Clothing**. My Clothing Limited is the UK's largest provider of school wear. As you may be aware St Mary's school benefits from a 5% cash donation from any uniform that you purchase from the service. Please find attached a leaflet regarding the service and a current price list. To register with My Clothing uniform service and to purchase uniform, please follow this link: <http://www.myclothing.com/>.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 14 th March	Girls' Football match away to Broadbent Fold (separate letter to follow for those selected) Now to be held at Rayner Stephens High School
Thursday 14 th March	First Forgiveness at St Mary's Church, Zetland Street, starting at 7pm (children and parents/carers to be seated by 6.50 pm)
Friday 15 th March	Y1 Mass and Lent Fast Day (non-uniform in return for £1 donation to CAFOD)
Friday 15 th March	Kiley Cup semi-final football match at school at 3.20pm Now to be held at Rayner Stephens High School
Monday 18 th March	Y4 trip to Archive Centre, Ashton-under-Lyne
Tuesday 19 th March	Spring Term Parents' Evening from 3.45pm – 7.20pm
Friday 22 nd March	Year 2 mass in school hall at 9am