

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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**St. Mary's Gospel** this week is 'Peace – John 1:29 – 34. Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your child at home. We will be focussing on this during the week.

This week we have been exploring and investigating. The week started with a 'Mad Science Workshop' for the whole school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experiments that were undertaken and have been talking about them during the week.

The theme of peace has been a focus for some of the class and the children in Year 3 who have embarked on their Sacramental Programme looked at this more deeply last night, in their workshop. The Mass, led by Year 6, today also focussed on Peace with a very thought-provoking homily from Father.

## Parking Consideration

Once again, we have received complaints from parents and carers who have been unable to park in the disabled bays and have then been spoken to in a very unsavoury manner.

We support your children daily in developing '**love, peace, truth and justice**' which is part of our mission statement, and ask that as members of **St. Mary's Catholic Community**, you mirror these values, demonstrating them to your children.

Thank you

## Thumbs Up Thursdays (Years 1 – 6)

It was so lovely to see so many people attending the event yesterday morning.

We do understand that this time didn't suit everyone, however, we did want you to see all the fantastic things that your children are learning each and every day, as well as having the opportunity to celebrate their successes with them.

We are looking forward to the next **Thumbs up Thursday**, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8:50 – 9:15am.

## Upcoming Events

Date	January
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Yr 3 Family Mass at Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sporting Event – see over
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Yr3
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bake Sale
27 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year Meal
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mass Yr4
Date	February
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 visit to the Marist Centre
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sacramental Workshop 2 for Yr 3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Yr 2
12 <sup>th</sup>	No Forest School
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass Yr 1

## Lost Property

**The Lost property box is already full of items including jumpers, cardigans, coats etc. Please call into the school office to reclaim any lost items.**

## Year 5 Bake Sale

This has been postponed until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We would be extremely grateful for any cake donations. All proceeds will go towards School Funds.

## Exciting Sporting News

On Wednesday, some of our amazing Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tameside Indoor Athletics competition at Denton Community College. The children loved every minute, often coming 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their disciplines and they managed to finish the competition with 92 points.

We were short of participants this time, so why not talk to the children and see how much they enjoyed it.

We will share these upcoming competitions on Parent Mail.

## Reminder

The Triple Jumper, Kevin Metzger, will be in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Please can you make sure you bring in your sponsor form and money by Monday (20<sup>th</sup>) so that we can ensure that the children's rewards can be left for them by the athlete.

Thank you and continuing to support P.E and Sport within our school.



## Information

### Outdoor PE kit

We are exploring the introduction of an Outdoor PE Kit for the children to use during the winter.

More information will follow next week.

## Shoes

We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing appropriate shoes to school. These include elaborate boots, heels and trainers.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear as this forms part of our uniform.



Look out for information on EVENTS taking place this year!

We have plans in place for a:

- Disco
- Film Night
- Bingo / Quiz Night for Families
- Summer Fair

## Attendance

Our Whole School Attendance Target is **97.5%**.

Will we be successful?

Do you know how you can help us reach this?

6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	
Reception	97%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	99.7%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	93.7%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

**Congratulations to Years 1 to 5** for achieving at or above the whole school target of 97.5% this last week.

Let's all try really hard to join them next week.