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St. Mary's Gospel Message this week is

'Love thy neighbour.' Matthew 22:39.

Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your child at home. We have focused on it in school this week.

This week...

WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

Thank you so much for supporting us for World Cerebral Palsy Day. We had two aims for the day:

- Raise awareness
- Raise money

Thanks to your generosity, we have managed to raise an amazing **£276.92** to support children living with CP. There are so many wonderful charities to support, but we felt as a school community that it was important to support something that has affected our families, both past and present.

The Gospel message above has been lived out this week at St Mary's!



Upcoming Events

Date	October
12th	Virtual Children's Harvest Festival
W/B 12th	Tameside Mile Competition
22nd	School closes for half term
23rd	Staff INSET Day
31st	Deadline for Year 6 High School Applications



Harvest

On Monday 12th October, we will be celebrating 'HARVEST' with the children. If you are able, please can your child bring a tin to school on Monday. The food will be donated to local charities, who now, more than ever, need our support. Once again, we are demonstrating to the children what our Gospel value of LOVE looks like in today's world.

If you would like to register for CAFOD's global family food event, please see the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafods-global-family-food-event-registration-119895708291>

COVID-19

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who are wearing face coverings on the school grounds. Please can I stress that ALL parents / carers need to wear face coverings, to help to protect our whole school community.

Please inform the school office if your child would not have access to online learning, in case of future bubble closures or lockdowns. Please be advised that online learning is the preferred choice, but should your child not have access to any device, school will provide a printed 'pack' of work in the event of a lockdown, if we are aware that you do not have any access to a device.

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is open for mass. Numbers are limited in Church, due to social distancing. However, Fr Oliver would love to see families returning to mass. If you would like to attend mass, please 'book' a slot, by emailing: john.storey6@btopenworld.com

Please be aware, that COVID measures are in place

- masks must be worn
- sanitise hands on entry
- wait to be seated by the stewards
- communion after the final blessing
- for communion remain seated until stewards indicate that you can approach the altar
- leave church immediately after communion, sanitising hands on exit

*Always pray to have
Eyes that see the best in people,
a Heart that forgives the worst
a Mind that forgets the worst
and a Soul that Never
loses faith in God.*

TT Rock Stars

We all know that times tables are a vital in supporting so many strands of mathematics. Please encourage your child to access TT Rock

Health and Fitness

This year, we have signed up for the Tameside Mile Competition. During the week beginning 12th October, the children will take part in a cross country mile race (during PE time). All children who participate will receive a certificate. The top 10 times will receive family group points and the top 4 times will be sent in to Tameside Sport's Development Team. **CHILDREN WILL NEED CROSS COUNTRY KIT IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER!**

Mr Furness (our sports coach) is trialling a fitness programme on behalf of Tameside, with some of our children. The children wear a band, a bit like a 'FitBit' for part of the school day and their movement and steps are monitored. All of the data is encrypted and bands are sterilised before coming in to school. Tameside are responsible for collating all of the data. The aim of the pilot is to improve children's fitness across the Local Authority and motivate them to become more active! For more information, visit: <https://www.iactivekids.co.uk/>

Drinks and snacks

Once again, may I remind you that we are encouraging the children to eat and drink healthily in school. Please only send water in for the children to drink and please **DO NOT SEND CHOCOLATE IN FOR BREAK OR LUNCH TIMES.**

