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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Let us remember Pope Francis ...



Eternal Father,

*In Your infinite mercy and love, You called Your servant, Pope Francis,
to guide Your Church on Earth.*

*We thank You for his life of humility, compassion, and tireless service
to the poor, the forgotten, and the world in need of peace.*

Receive him now into the light of Your face.

May he rest in the peace of Christ, whom he served with love and faith.

Amen.

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

This Week's Gospel – from John



After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and offered them the gift of his peace. At the same time, he sent them out into the world to preach the Gospel and to share this peace with everyone ...

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting and believe!"

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Just as you shared your peace with us, help us the share it with each other, so that our world may be filled with love and friendship.

Amen

Welcome back to the new term.

It is lovely to see everyone back after the Easter break.



Raffle

We are raising money for some new P.E jackets for our staff so that they can look smart when representing St. Marie's in the community and around our school. We are raffling two signed Wigan Warrior Rugby Shirts. These have been signed by Jai Field and Bevan French!



If you would like to win one of these fantastic prizes, raffle tickets which cost £1, are available on Parent Pay. We will draw the raffle on Friday 9th May in Golden Book Assembly. Please support if you can!

PTFA News



The PTFA are organising a family picnic afternoon on Sunday 18th May from 12 -2.30pm at school. They need help to plan and run this lovely event. If you can offer any help, either on the day or beforehand, please come along to a planning meeting on Friday 2nd May at 9am in school (or via a TEAMS link – please contact the office if you wish to join the meeting in this way). Thank you for your ongoing support.

LiveSimply 



The GIFT team will be speaking at Mass this Sunday about how we have achieved our **Live Simply award**. Afterwards, the children will help serve cakes to raise money for our school garden which is an ongoing part of our 'Live Simply' pledge. We are asking for any donations of cakes/biscuits to be brought up to church in the morning. Thank you if you can support. All children and families are warmly welcome at Mass on this day. It would be lovely to see as many as possible at church.

Special Sunday Mass

Please save the date – **Sunday 22nd June**.

Mass at St. Marie's Church on this date will be a family Mass involving all our school community. All children, families and staff are warmly invited. The children will be involved in the Mass. The Year 4 children who will have made their First Holy Communion earlier in the month are invited to wear their special clothes again. More details to follow. Please save the date – 11am start. All year groups are invited.

60th
ANNIVERSARY


The Friends of Standish Library are inviting parents and children to the launch of the library's 60th anniversary celebrations on Saturday 3rd May. The official opening by the Mayor of Wigan is at 11am, and there will be planting of a wildflower border, refreshments, face painting, bubble play and crafts. Mrs Aspinall and Mrs O'Neill will be there – please let the office know if you can come along with your child.

Other news this week

Bright Beginnings – this week everyone has enjoyed singing nursery rhymes.



Pre-School - the children have enjoyed pretending to be doctors in the new veterinary practice role play area.



Reception – have been listening to stories outside and thinking about their hopes and wishes for the future.



Year 1 - This week Year 1 having been learning to measure in centimetres.



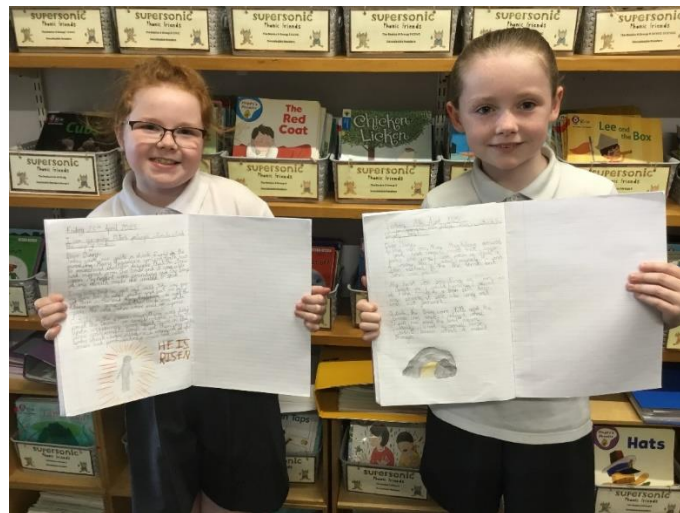
Year 2 – This week the children have been measuring objects inside and outside the classroom.



Year 3 - Year 3 have been learning about mills and canals.



Year 4 - In RE, Year Four have explored how Peter felt when he found Jesus' tomb empty.



Year 5 - Year 5 conducted their own Historical research into the reasons and consequences of Henry VIII's marriages.



Year 6 – As well as plenty of revision for SATS, the children have been playing the Ancient Mayan game "Pok-a-Tok". It was infuriating but fun!



Staff news...

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Richardson who got married during the holidays. The wedding was beautiful. It was so lovely to see ex-pupils who Mrs Richardson has supported over the years, at the celebration.

We wish the happy couple and their boys, Henry and Charlie, much happiness!



Dates for your diary - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

Sunday 27 th April	Mass at St. Marie's Church to celebrate our 'Live Simply' award. All welcome. 11am
Monday 28 th April	Year 1 visit to Martin Mere
Friday 2 nd May	PTFA meeting in school 9am. All welcome
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday. School closed
Tuesday 6 th May	Pre School and Reception visit Smithills Farm
Friday 9 th May	Mental Health Assembly for the children presented by the Wigan team
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 complete their SATs tests this week
Sunday 18 th May	PTFA organise a summer picnic at school. More details to follow
Monday 19 th May	A chosen group of Year 3 and 4 play in a football competition
Tuesday 20 th may	'Bright Sparks' work with Year 6 in science with their topic of electricity
Wednesday 21 st May	Road Safety session with Year 6
Friday 23 rd May	Sports day (weather permitting) Year 2,3,4,5,6 in the morning Pre School, Reception, Year 1 in the afternoon Break up for May holiday 3.15pm

Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.2
Year 1	94.6
Year 2	96.9
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	94.0
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	94.4

Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time.



This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Finn** for wonderful rhyming in phonics

Reception – **Phoebe** for always trying her best

Year 1 – **Emily** for excellent facts about the Great Fire of London

Year 2 – **Eleanor and Jerome** for great effort all week and excellent behaviour

Year 3 – **Yarin** for asking good questions during topic

Year 4 – **Penelope** for excellent answers in lessons

Gabriel for working hard and being an excellent role model

Year 5 – **Jaxsan** for producing some amazing writing on the Egyptians

Alfie for an amazing writing challenge

Year 6 – **George** for lots of great questions and humour



Well done children!

With very best wishes for the weekend, Mrs Jackson