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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

When people have done something wrong to us we often feel angry and want them to be punished. In this week's gospel Jesus teaches us that this is not always the right way. After all, we are not perfect either.

God of mercy, we ask you to help us to do what is right. Help us to see that we all get things wrong sometimes and to say sorry when we do. Amen.

From the Gospel of John ...

Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered round him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?" They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.

As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. He straightened himself up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"

"No one, sir," she answered.

"Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."



LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

Exciting Raffle!

We are raising money for some new P.E jackets for our staff, including caretaker Mr Bill and our Wigan School Games Organiser, Gareth Edwards, so that they can look smart when representing St. Marie's in the community and around our school.

In order to help, we have been gifted two signed Wigan Warrior Rugby Shirts. These have been signed by Jai Field and Bevan French!

Thank you so very much for this wonderful donation!



If you would like to win one of these fantastic prizes, we will be raffling the shirts.

Raffle tickets will cost £1 and are available on Parent Pay. We will draw the raffle on Friday 9th May in Golden Book Assembly.

Please support if you can!

The Big Lent Walk



Thank you for sponsoring the children in doing the Big Lent Walk. We raised **£436** for CAFOD! This is fantastic! Thank you so much for your generosity for this great cause.



Thank you to our hard working PTFA and for all families who have supported the recent fundraisers – the Mothers' Day gifts and the Easter bingo! They have been very successful. Thank you to Mr Steve for being our bingo caller!

Best wishes Mr Steve!

Mr Steve retired today. We wish him well and thank him for everything he has done for St. Marie's school. We will really miss him and we all send our love and best wishes for a happy retirement!

Mass

Mass on Monday 7th April at Saint Marie's Church will be for the intentions of the children and staff of Saint Marie's and Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary Schools. Mass starts at 9.15am.

Other news this week -

Reception – Reception have read the stories 'We are going on a bear hunt' and 'We are going on an egg hunt'.



Year 1 - this week the children prepared and made their own salad.



Year 2 – enjoyed an extra playtime as a treat for being the class with the best attendance overall!



Year 3 - this week the children used recycled materials to make their own desk tidy in DT.



Year 4 - This week, Year 4 made us very proud with their excellent performances in the Easter play.



Year 5 - this week the children completed their art project for this half term with their block printing of Egyptian motifs.



Year 6 - Thank you to all the Year 6 children for leading the Stations of the Cross today outside in the sunshine. You all read beautifully.



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

Tuesday 22 nd April	School re-opens for the summer term
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 and treasure hunt 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 (Key Stage 2 in the morning and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon) Break up for May holiday 3.15pm

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.

Live Simply

LiveSimply 



The GIFT team will be speaking at Mass on **Sunday 27th April** 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 on this day to be brought up to church or into school on Friday 25th. 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.

Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.3
Year 1	94.5
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	94.1
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	94.4

Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time. Every day off school has a negative impact.



This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Kairos** for joining in with Wigan Athletic with enthusiasm.

Reception – **Wilfred** for working hard in all areas and being a kind helpful friend to all (including adults).

Year 1 – **Layla** for being so cheerful.

Year 2 – **Charlotte** for trying hard with work and being a kind friend.

Year 3 – **Aaron** for working really hard in science.

Year 4 – **Zach** for always trying his best and stepping in to fill lots of roles in the play.

Year 5 – **Gabriel** for excellent attitude to learning and working hard.

Year 6 – **Angel** for her dedication to learning.



Well done children!

With very best wishes for Easter everyone.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the joy, peace and hope of the Risen Christ.



Mrs Jackson

Our Newsletter ends with photos of our wonderful Year 6 children leading the Stations of the Cross...

