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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

## This week's Gospel – from Luke

And Jesus told them this parable: "One blind man cannot lead another one; if he does, both will fall into a ditch. No pupil is greater than his teacher; but every pupil, when he has completed his training, will be like his teacher."

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Please, brother, let me take that speck out of your eye,' yet cannot even see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

"A healthy tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a poor tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by the fruit it bears; you do not pick figs from thorn bushes or gather grapes from bramble bushes. A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."



Generous God, lead us to be the people you know we can be. Fill us with hope, courage and goodness. Help us to make a change so that the world may be a better place for all people. Amen.

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT**

## Cathedral Mass

Thank you to Evie Bunting who represented our school beautifully at the Cathedral. The Mass for Jack Traynor, who went on pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Liverpool Archdiocese in 1923 and was miraculously cured, was a lovely celebration.



## Caretaker news

Our friend and caretaker, Mr Steve, will be retiring at Easter so that he and Elaine can enjoy more travelling. He has worked as Caretaker for the past 7 years at St. Marie's and has loved every minute. Mr Steve has been a fantastic member of our team and we wish him well for his retirement. He will be back however as a volunteer when we need help with sport and trips (and a Bingo Caller!).

We welcome Mr Bill Parkinson who will be our new Caretaker when Mrs Steve leaves. I know you will all make him very welcome.



## Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 5th March, Father Joseph will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with us in school at 2pm. If you do not wish for your child to receive the Ashes, please let your child's class teacher know - they may have a blessing instead.

All families are welcome to join us at 2pm in the school hall.

## World Book Day



**Thursday 6th March** will be World Book Day. Children are welcome to come to school in their comfortable everyday clothes or if they prefer, wear a costume or accessory representing a favourite book character. Children have all been given a paper plate to take home and decorate as either a mask or giant badge representing a book or book character. Children are invited to write on the back of their creation why they would recommend that book or what they like about the character they have chosen. We look forward to sharing these on World Book Day and will be awarding some book prizes.

For those children who are not camera shy, we have another challenge. Families can video their child acting out a scene, talking about their favourite book or reading one of their favourite passages. We will put these together as a little film show of our special books and watch this on World Book Day in the afternoon to inspire and spark the children's interest in different books and authors. Videos should be sent by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to -

[dvizard@saintmaries.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:dvizard@saintmaries.wigan.sch.uk)

Please put the year group of your child in the 'subject box' of the email.

We hope this covers a variety of options for families.

For some classes Thursday is a PE day so please remember to put your child's P.E kit in their school bag and include their trainers.

## Reading Workshop

We all know the importance of reading for children. Studies show that there is a link between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.

At St. Marie's, we will be holding an informal workshop for parents on how to support your child with reading.

This workshop will cover phonics, the new strategies we are using as a school in our reading lessons, and tips on how to help your child with reading at home. Tea and coffee will be served.

This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 5th March at 4.30pm. All parents/carers are invited. If parents do not have any child care, we will look after the children and provide activities whilst parents are in the workshop. It will last approximately 30/40 minutes.

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading.



## British Science week



British Science week will take place between the 7th - 16th March. This year the theme is Adapt and Change, and the children will be celebrating this with their class teachers, taking part in different activities.

As part of Science week we would like to invite any parents with a science link into school to speak to the children and share their knowledge. This may be a Q & A, a workshop or a little talk with one of the classes. If you are interested and can support the school please email Miss Shaw [Ishaw@saintmaries.org.uk](mailto:Ishaw@saintmaries.org.uk) with your preferred day and year group.



## The Knights of Saint Columba

The Knights of Saint Columba are running 3 competitions which pupils are invited to take part in, the details of which are as follows:

1. Easter Painting Competition for ages 7-11 to show a scene from Palm Sunday through to Easter.
2. Prayer Composition Competition for ages 7-11 with the theme of celebrating people who work with young people.
3. Easter Photo Competition for ages 8-11 with the subject of Easter Candles or Stations of the Cross

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Please bring your entries to the school office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to enter.

## Saint Marie's Easter Bingo!

Back by popular demand – Family Easter Bingo!

Save the date – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm.

All families are welcome. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** Tickets on sale from next week via Parent Pay and will cost £3 a person which includes your bingo cards.

There will be a tuck shop of goodies so that you can buy drinks and treats during the evening.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs as prizes for the Bingo. Could any donations be brought to the school office please. Many thanks for all your support!



## **Anderton Centre Visit**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will hold a meeting for the Parents/Carers of the Year 4 children who will be going on the residential visit to the Anderton Centre. The meeting begins at 5.30pm. Important information and forms will be given out and there is a chance to ask any questions. We have timed this so that parents will not have to miss the Reading Workshop, which is on the same evening.

## **Medicines in School**

As a school, we can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a medical professional. We are able to give medication that needs to be taken four times a day. However, if your child is prescribed medication three times a day and attends B and A Club, we can administer the second dose during school hours.

To ensure the safe administration of medication, a medical form must be completed and signed by a parent. The medication, along with the completed form, should be handed directly to Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Bunting, or Mrs. Styles who will check the medicine and sign the medical forms.



## **Blue Peter badge for reading**

Sir Quentin Blake – who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda has designed a special reading badge for Blue Peter. To apply for one, children need to tell Blue Peter about a book they have enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book.

For more information click on the link [How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)



## Lunch Boxes

A reminder about the importance of a healthy lunch for the children. If parents would like to provide their child with crisps, biscuits, sweets etc in their lunch box, we politely ask that this is just once a week on 'Treat Tuesdays'. We are working closely with Wigan's Healthy Schools Team. More information to follow.

## Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.6
Year 1	95.0
Year 2	96.6
Year 3	95.0
Year 4	94.3
Year 5	95.5
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.**

## Other news this week at Saint Marie's...

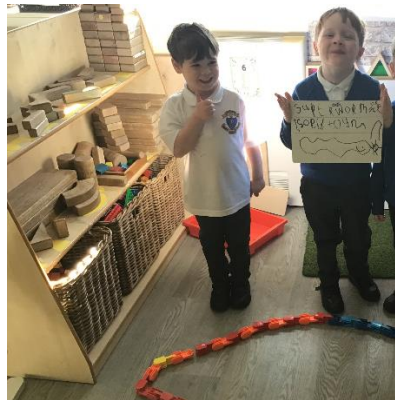
**Bright Beginnings** – have been catching bubbles - Pop!



**Pre- School** – have been creating butterflies inspired by 'The Worrysaurus.'



**Reception** - have been reading the book 'Superworm' and using the links to make Superworm!



**Year 1** - have been looking for fossils like Mary Anning.



**Year 2** – have been rolling and balancing in P.E.



**Year 3** - have been researching the effects of Global Warming.



**Year 4** – have been working hard on our new topic "What Is Life Like In The Alps?". We have been examining the physical and human features there.





**Year 5 -** have been thinking about chronology and when the Ancient Egyptians period occurred. We used our corridor timeline.



**Year 6 -** have been putting the Maya on a timeline



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

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and Year 5 visit Liverpool Museum
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday – Father Joseph visits school 2pm. All welcome
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshop for parents– how to help your child with reading/Phonics 4.30pm – school hall  (we will look after the children if you need to bring them)  Meeting for parents of children in Year 4 going on the residential to the Anderton Centre  5.30pm – school hall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Afternoon/Evening. Times have gone on to Parent Pay
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 go to Standish High School's Science Show
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 go on their residential visit to the Anderton Centre
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTFA Easter Bingo for families 6pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter



## This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Kitt** for joining in with phonics with enthusiasm and excitement

Reception – **Selena** for trying so hard with her writing

**Andrei** for listening to instructions and trying hard with his writing

Year 1 - **Lucas** for trying his best and for his great knowledge of dinosaurs

**Aiden** for always doing his best

Year 2 – **Loki** for good RE work and working well with others

**Ellie** for always working hard and trying her best

Year 3 – **Poppy** for always being really helpful in class and giving 100%

Year 4 – **Joseph** for excellent topic knowledge and improved behaviour

Year 5 – **Jordyna** for always putting in 100% in all subjects

Year 6 – **Freya** for her presentation in books and extra effort on SATS Bootcamp



Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**With very best wishes**

**Mrs Jackson**