



St. Mary's Newsletter

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Spring 2019

A busy half term draws to an end. Y2, Y3 and Y5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed working with musicians from Chetham's School of Music. NSPCC number day was again a success, many thanks for your support in raising £311.30 for this charity. We have had another successful year for the Cross Country squad. In the Salford School Championships, our Year 5&6 runners placed second overall and the Year 5&6 girls placed fifth. The Year 3&4 boys and girls placed highly against all other Salford Schools. As a result of our success, four children have been chosen to represent Salford in the Greater Manchester Cross Country Championship at Heaton Park.

Year 5 enjoyed working with the Science Department at St Ambrose High School, designing and making their own rockets. The rockets were then launched at the high school using an air compressor. The results were amazing!

Safeguarding update

Operation Encompass is an initiative to safeguard and support children and young people following a domestic abuse incident. It directly connects the Police with a Key Adult in the child's school to ensure an efficient, confidential channel of communication. School will then be better able to support the child. St. Mary's key adult is Mrs Raynor. Please see the school **website** for more information.

Parent Pay

A reminder to check that you are up to date with payments. We currently email and text parents through ParentPay, you will be able to receive school communications only if you store your mobile number and email address on ParentPay.

World Book Day

At St. Mary's we are constantly looking for exciting ways to inspire our children and this year's World Book Day celebrations are no exception.

Our World Book Day theme is 'Fairy Tales'. We are therefore inviting all children to come to school, on Thursday 7th March 2019, dressed as a character from a Fairy Tale. This could be anything from a Handsome Prince to a Wicked Witch! We hope children will also be able

to bring into school the book that their character is based on.

In addition to World Book Day itself, all children will receive a World Book Day £1 voucher to put towards purchasing a new book. Many local supermarkets and book shops accept the book vouchers.

Lastly, all children will be able to bring a book to the St. Mary's **Book Swap**, which will run all week. We ask that they bring a book in good condition to swap for another book from a peer. Children can hand books in, to their class teacher, and receive a token from Monday-Thursday, ready for the swap on Friday.

Wednesday Word

This is the Spring timetable for the collective worship in the outdoor chapel:

27 Feb	Year Reception
6 Mar	Year Nursery
13 Mar	Year 6L
20 Mar	Year 5
27 Mar	Year 4
3 April	Year 3
10 April	Year 2

Holiday Homework

Holiday homework is based on our **Core Value 'Inspire'**. Write a letter to someone who inspires you. This person could be a famous person, a friend, a family member, a coach or even someone at school. How does this person inspire you? What would you like to say to them? What questions would you like to ask?

Diary Dates

Mon 25 Feb – School reopens

Mon 25 Feb – Dance After School Club (every Monday)

Tue 26 Feb – Y6 English Booster class 3.30-4.30pm (every Tuesday)

Wed 27 Feb – Rugby for Y5 & Y6 (every Wednesday)

Thu 28 Feb – Year 3 Swimming (every Thursday)

Thu 28 Feb – Y6 Maths Booster class 3.30-4.30pm (every Thursday)

Thu 28 Feb – After School Crafty Hands Club (last session)

Fri 1 Mar – Years 2, 3 & 5 to Chetham's School of Music Concert

Fri 1 Mar – Year 4 Celebration Assembly

Fri 1 Mar – Year 2 Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Mon 4 Mar – Football for Y5 & Y6 (every Monday)

Wed 6 Mar – Ash Wednesday Service at 1.30pm

Thu 7 Mar – World Book Day – Fairy Tale theme.

Thu 7 Mar – 9am - World Book Day performance by Chetham's School of Music

Fri 8 Mar – Year 3 Celebration Assembly

Fri 8 Mar – Year 1 Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Fri 15 Mar – Year 2 Celebration Assembly

Fri 15 Mar – Year 6K Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Thu 21 Mar – World Down Syndrome Day – events TBC

Fri 22 Mar – Year 1 Celebration Assembly

Fri 22 Mar – Year 6L Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Wed 27 Mar – Chetham's workshop with Y5

Fri 29 Mar – Reception Handwashing session 9am

Fri 29 Mar – Year 6K Celebration Assembly

Fri 29 Mar – Year 5 Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Mon 1 Apr – Autism Awareness Week – events TBC

Tue 2 Apr – Y3 Swimming (Instead of Thursday 4th)

Thurs 4 Apr – NO swimming for Y3

Fri 5 Apr – Whole school Caritas Day – events TBC

Fri 5 Apr – Year 4 Forest School afternoon – bring appropriate clothing

Tue 9 Apr – Y3 Swimming (Instead of Thursday 11th)

Thu 11 Apr – NO swimming for Y3

Fri 12 Apr – Y3 Lledr Hall Residential – depart at 9am

Mon 15 Apr – Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Production @ 2.15pm

Tue 16 Apr – Parents' Afternoon, 2.30 – 5.30pm. A letter will be sent nearer the time

Wed 17 Apr – Stations of the Cross

Wed 17 Apr – Last day in school, back on Monday 29 April

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break

Mrs D Raynor and Staff