



15TH MARCH 2024

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is hard to believe there are only two weeks left in school!

There was no whole school Celebration this week since all pupils in key stage two completed their British Values training. The statement to live by this week is, 'I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me.'

Parent's/Carer's Consultations – We look forward to seeing all of you for parents consultations next Monday and Tuesday.

Ms Kemp will be utilising some of her time to discuss transition. As you will be well aware from the video on the website we will place reception pupils as year ones between two classes. They are taught the exact same curriculum in both classes. Teachers use their professional judgement to identify which pupils go in which class. This can be based on a range of factors e.g. confidence, structure, behaviour, progress etc. Please note no class in key stage one can have more than thirty pupils in it.

We would love to share our fantastic news with regards to our achievement in SMSC quality mark award (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) – we received the **Gold Award!** Thank you so much to the parents and carers who helped support this process last week and the pupils who excelled throughout the day. The verifier said 'Your energy, determination and commitment to ensure that the children in your care are able to become, 'the next generation of world leaders' is unwavering. Your focus on striving to continually improve 'excellence of education' is inspiring. I know that you are, quite rightly, proud of all that the school offers its pupils and the wider community' and 'I was overwhelmed by the children's confidence to articulate their involvement in self-initiated social action projects, fundraising ideas, clubs, and whole school improvement; the children created a pictorial version of the latest Ofsted report. They have so many opportunities to lead and be responsible, from Special Friends, Little Fish to Chaplains who prepare and lead whole school worship. The children are aware of current local and international news, and they are able to discuss world events. Theological questions are provided on the dining tables at lunchtimes in order to promote discussion. They clearly articulate how British Values link to Catholic Social Teaching, and the School's values.'



Year 4 Multiplication table check – Please note that all year 4 pupils will sit a multiplication times tables check in the first 2 weeks of June.. Can I remind all adults to ensure that children regularly use their Chromebooks to practice times tables.

Book sale – Thank you so much for donating books and buying second books this week. This links to the children's drive and passion to try and reuse/recycle whenever we can.

Briars parent's/carers' meeting – Thank you so much to all the adults who came to the briefing for the year five retreat this year. If you were not able to make the meeting, Mrs Oxley will send the paperwork home for completion.

Everyone is invited to a Stations of the Cross service at church on Monday 25th March. The service will begin at 9.10am and is being led by class 4 pupils.

P.A.W. club – Well done to our P.A.W. club who are organising a cake sale to raise funds for endangered species.

Rock painting PTA – Thank you so much to the PTA for supporting our pupils who won last terms house award. Well done to you all.

School swimming – The last day for swimming for **year 5** pupils is Monday 25th March. **Year 3 and 4** begin their swimming lessons on Monday 22nd April. Please complete the consent form and return this to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chapman

Copies of both the school newsletters and the Parish newsletters can be found here –

<https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/news/newsletters/>

Our Catholic life and mission newsletter can be found here

<https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/catholic-life/catholic-social-teaching/>

BOOK SALE



I ♥ books



CLASS 3

Class 3 attended and lead the exposition of the blessed sacrament at mass on Thursday 14 March. Well done Class 3, your solemnity and behaviour were outstanding.



CHOIR

Our choir went to Jubilee Day Centre on Thursday to sing. Thank you for the gift of chocolate eggs!



NETBALL

We took 2 teams to the New Mills netball competition this week and are very proud to report that both teams did extremely well, winning both their respective leagues. Our green team played brilliantly but were pipped at the post at the semi final stage losing out to Hauge Bar by 1 goal. Our red team went on to win the whole competition. Mr Worsley, the tournament organiser, said he was very impressed with both teams, the way they played the game, and how well they worked together as a team.

Our red team went on to represent New Mills Schools at the High Peak Final yesterday. They had a fantastic afternoon and played some brilliant netball to a very high standard. They made it to the final of the High Peak competition and played valiantly. They lost the final 3-2 but should be very proud of themselves as they ended up as silver medalists of the High Peak! Minnie lead the team brilliantly as captain, and a special mention was made to Joseph who the competition umpires named as player of the tournament. Well done Joseph! But the biggest well done must go to every member of our super St Mary's Netball Club who have worked so hard to improve their netball skills over the last 2 terms. Their hard work has certainly paid off and we are very proud of you all.



NEWS FROM THE PTA



Our wonderful PTA came in today to do rock painting with the house points winners, Knock. Well done Knock and thank you to the PTA who came to celebrate their win today with this activity.



DATES TO NOTE

Monday 15th January to Monday 29th April	SATs after school revision club for all year six pupils, 3.20pm to 4.15pm every Monday
Monday 11th March to Friday 22nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event
Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March	Parents consultation sessions
Friday 22nd March	P.A.W. cake sale – please donate a cake and bring £1.00 to buy a cake – all money raised by the P.A.W. club will be donated to the WWF!
Friday 22nd March	PTA event – egg rolling, children can decorate a hard boiled egg at home and bring it into school for a fun afternoon of egg rolling
W/C Monday 25th March	Holy Week
Monday 25th March	Everyone is invited to a Stations of the Cross service at church on Monday 25th March. The service will begin at 9.10am and is being led by class 4 pupils.
Wednesday 27th March	Own clothes day in exchange for £1.00 (PTA)
Thursday 28th March	Lenten service in school at 1.30pm – everyone is very welcome to attend. School closes at 2.00pm on this day. There will be no after school club on this day
Friday 29th March to Monday 15th April	Easter holidays and INSET day
Tuesday 16th April	National primary places offer day
Wednesday 17th April	Class photos
Monday 22nd April	Year 3 and 4 begin their swimming lessons
Wednesday 8th May to Friday 10th May	Year five residential trip to The Briars
W/C Monday 13th May	SATs week
Thursday 16th May	Parent meeting regarding the residential trip to Lea Green (year 6 only) 3.20pm–4.00pm
Thursday 23rd May	Class one assembly 9.15
Thursday 23rd May	Science collapsed curriculum day
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May	Half term holidays
Thursday 13th June	Class three assembly 9.15am
Thursday 20th June	Class two assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 26th June to Friday 28th June	Year six residential trip to Lea Green
Monday 8th July	Last swimming lesson for year 3 and 4
Thursday 11th July	Class 1 and 2 trip to the Runway Visitor Park
Monday 15th July	Class four end of year production dress rehearsal (all invited) 1.30pm

SCHOOL NOTICES



If anyone has any clothes at home that belong to school, please send them back to us ASAP!!

Our dinner table discussion this week was 'is there more future or past?'

If you don't currently have access to ClassDojo but you would like to, please speak to the school office.

God bless you with courage to do the extraordinary, for He created you with that in mind.

Please be very careful when parking outside school. Please drive slowly and don't park on the zigzags, even just to drop off. This helps to keep our children safe.

If anyone has changed their name, phone number, address, e-mail address etc. recently please do let us know so that we can amend the database. It is vital that we hold the correct contact details for everyone.

Star of the week this week was awarded to someone who is a good listener.

High attendance is vitally important to every child, educationally, socially, and legally. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone holidays should not be booked during term time. Headteachers are not permitted to authorise absences unless there are exceptional circumstances. This does not include reduced holiday costs. If a child is not in school and the absence is not authorised, we are under a duty to report this to the Local Authority who may issue you with a penalty notice.

Our statement of belief this week was - I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 95.4% THIS WEEK!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

S – Service and Stewardship

- We care for each other – ‘Love one another as I have loved you’
- We understand our obligation and responsibility to other in our local, national and world wide communities.
- We are learning to become global citizens, courageously following in Jesus’ footsteps.
- We are working together to Building God’s Kingdom on Earth.
- We are helping to look after the most vulnerable in our communities.

T – Togetherness

- We work together for the greater good.
- We work together cooperatively as a team.
- We are disciples of Christ and we show this through our actions.
- We are stronger together.

M – Mission

- We ensure all of our pupils receive the best learning opportunities through the provision of a broad and diverse curriculum.
- We bring Christ to all of our children, ensuring that he is front and centre in everything we do – ‘Rip of the Roof’.
- We are the living Gospel.
- We strive to be the best we can be and achieve our God given potential.

A – Awe and Wonder

- We are inspiring our pupils to be future leaders.
- We recognise the awe and wonder in God’s creation.
- We recognising our uniqueness in the eyes of God.
- We are being inspired to learn more, know more and understand more.

R – Reconciliation and Forgiveness

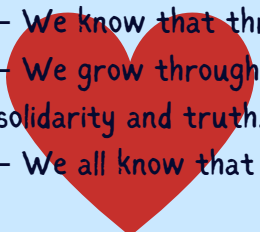
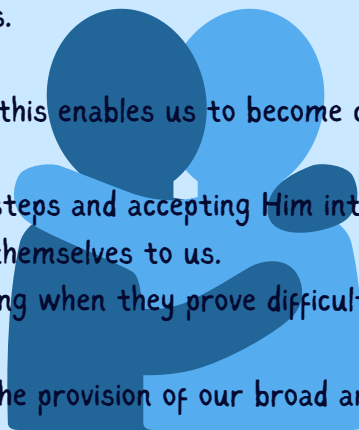
- We know how to say sorry and recognise when we have done something wrong.
- We know how to ask God and others for forgiveness.
- We know how to forgive others as God forgives us.
- We know that we can learn from our mistakes and this enables us to become closer to God.

Y – Yes!

- We are Saying ‘yes’ to God by following in His footsteps and accepting Him into our hearts.
- We are Saying ‘yes’ to opportunities that present themselves to us.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to new challenges and persevering when they prove difficult.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to helping those in need.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to achieving our best through the provision of our broad and diverse curriculum.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to celebrating our differences.

S – Spirituality

- We recognise our faith in God and that we are all part of something greater.
- We know that through prayer we discover who we are and why we are here.
- We grow through our Gospel Values, of acceptance, hope, faith, courage, honesty, love, charity, solidarity and truth.
- We all know that “I am Important and Precious because God loves me”.



SCHOOL HEALTH

There is lots of information available about children and young people's health, including the school nursing team, vaccinations and the national child measurement programme here - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/your-health/children-and-young-peoples-health/children-and-young-peoples-health.aspx



Information about the neurodiversity hub, which is based in Buxton, can be found here - www.zink.ork.uk

There is also lots of information on our school website, including information about the foodbank here - <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/parents/family-support-and-school-health/>



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child or something else, please contact one of St Mary's designated leads for Safeguarding on safeguarding@nmm.srscmat.co.uk, who are:

Mrs Chapman – Headteacher and Senior Safeguarding lead

Mrs Mallabar – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Class Teacher and Mental Health Ambassador

Mrs Laura Chapman (SENCO) – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Matthew Pearson – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please see the school website here:

<https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/parents/snow-procedures/>
for our adverse weather procedures

As a school, we are always here to support you and your family. If your family circumstances have changed, for example a loss of a loved one, a separation or even a house move, please do let us know. Changes like these will impact children and it would really help if we knew about your changing circumstances to help us best support you all.



SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS – AS A REMINDER, THE CHROMEBOOKS THAT KEY STAGE TWO CHILDREN BRING HOME EVERYDAY ARE ONLY TO BE USED FOR LEARNING. IN SCHOOL, THE CHROMEBOOKS ARE FILTERED TO ENSURE THAT NO INAPPROPRIATE SITES CAN BE ACCESSED BUT ONCE THE DEVICE IS TAKEN HOME, WE DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OF WHAT IS VIEWED AS THIS IS LINKED TO YOUR HOME WI-FI CONTROLS. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSING SITES SUCH AS TIKTOK, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK ETC. ON THESE DEVICES. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED ON THEIR CHROMEBOOKS. IF WE FIND THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT USING THEM PROPERLY, WE WILL REMOVE THE DEVICES FOR HOME USE.

It is really important to think about keeping our children safe online. Please do set parental controls on your children's devices so that you can control what they see and how long they can use their devices for. It is also vital to talk to your children about why you are doing this and let them know that they can talk to you if they see something inappropriate or upsetting.

The NSPCC have some fantastic resources which are free to access, explaining how to keep children safe online and how to set parental controls – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

They also have guides about social media platforms and how to help children stay safe when using them. As a reminder, **no primary school age pupils should be accessing social media at all. Primary aged children aren't able to understand the consequences of decisions made when using social media, they are at risk because of WHAT THEY MIGHT SEE, WHO THEY MIGHT SPEAK TO and HOW THEY MIGHT BEHAVE. Please help to keep all of our children safe by ensuring that none of our children are using social media.**

Please also be alert to children watching films or playing games which are not appropriate for their age and stage. Always follow the age guidance and be mindful of young children watching upsetting or violent films or playing games not meant for their age. This can be very distressing and can cause long term harm.

EXTRA INFORMATION

SUSTRANS BIG WALK AND WHEEL



We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

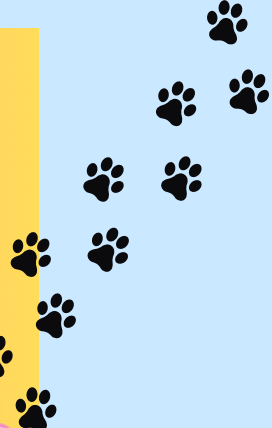
Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.



We are going to raise funds for endangered animals

Our P.A.W. club tuck shop!

We would like to ask the parents and carers of children at St Mary's to bring cookies and cakes into school next Monday the 18th of March for a cake sale on Friday the 22nd of March. Can children please bring in a donation of a £1 on Friday



Book your **FREE** holiday club!



DERBYSHIRE County Council



Department for Education

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

FREE HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

Looking for ways to keep the kids busy this school holiday?

It's About Me is running FREE activity clubs across Derbyshire for children aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities include Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games, Cookery, Dance, Music and much more!

IMPORTANT: You will need a IAM code from your child's school to book. If you haven't received your code, please contact your school.

Excludes half-terms, weekends and bank holidays.

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@itsaboutderbyshire
itsaboutme.derbyshire

You can also book online at www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

EASTER FAMFEST

APRIL 9TH-12TH

LUNCH AND SNACKS INCLUDED

Fun holiday programme delivered by Youth Matters New Mills

DERBY ROAD FIELD NEW MILLS

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5-16 YEARS

Bouncy Castle
Sports
Arts and crafts tent
Bush Craft
Under 5's area
Quiet Tent
And more

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

For every pupil registered, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called the Premium which is used to help raise achievement levels.

By ensuring that all eligible families as possible have applied for Free School Meals, we will receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding which enables us to provide the best education for our pupils.

Search 'Derbyshire County Council Free School Meals' for the link to apply!

We encourage parents of children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals to still apply for Free School Meals as this will ensure the school receives essential funding.

Please contact the school office if you need any support applying for Free School Meals.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

CHILDREN FIND ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL, GETTING AND THEY MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES. PLEASE WORK WITH US TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH THE BEST CHANCE OF LEARNING BY ENSURING THEY ARE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.

Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends and get ready for learning work in class.

8.45AM
The school day begins at 8.45am with staff start for key stage one. The classrooms are open and children should come into school.

8.55AM
The register is completed. Children should be ready to start their learning.

9.00am - Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. 5 minutes late means 3 day lost per year.

9.10AM
The teacher has explained the learning and lessons have started.

9.15am - 15 minutes late means 9 day lost per year.

9.15AM
Lessons are well underway and work is being produced.

9.15am - The register closes. Any arrival after this time is an unauthorised absence.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Message from BEING outdoors CIC
EING ADVENTUROUS Easter Holiday Club ...**

The team have listened to enquiries and responded... Great news, Easter Holiday club now taking single day(s) or 3 day block bookings. Same fun filled outdoor woodland spring holiday club, just tweaked to fit your Easter schedules. Lots of nature connection and a hot campfire lunch! Shield Tree Wood is ready to spring into action with nature crafts, tool skills and finding friendships.

Bookings are open and filling up, use the link below... for ALL the details you need:
If you are looking for a holiday club fun filled, outdoor woodland, campfire lunch... well frankly we have everything you need.

Our site in Shield Tree Wood has rested over the winter and now ready for some Easter fun.

Bookings are open and filling up, use the link below... for ALL the details you need:

<https://bookwhen.com/beingoutdoorsic>

The BEING Outdoors CIC team are looking forward to welcoming you back to BEING ADVENTUROUS at Shield Tree Wood.

Ashgate Hospice

Tractor Fest

Sunday 28 April 2024
Storforth Lane Trading Estate,
Chesterfield, S41 0SN **10am-3pm**

Come and see a fantastic display of vintage and modern tractors and machinery.

- Mini tractor driving
- Stalls
- Games
- Refreshments
- Colouring
- Activities ... and much more!

Pre-book your tickets now!
www.ashgatehospice.org.uk/tractor-fest

£3 for adults, FREE for children age 11 and under

With special thanks to:

Registered Charity No. 30063

Tractor Fest is a charity fun day for all the family in support of Ashgate Hospice.

Last year, we cared for thousands of people across North Derbyshire. Our quality of care can only be achieved through the energy, care and compassion of our staff, volunteers and our loyal supporters. To everyone who has supported Ashgate Hospice, a heartfelt thank you.

Join us as our successful event returns again this year. There's lots to see and do for all the family.
For more information please contact:
events@ashgatehospice.org.uk
or ring 01246 567 250.

Registered Charity No. 30063

"From mini tractor driving to antique tractors on display, a family fun day is returning to Derbyshire this spring - and kids can attend for FREE!

Tractor Fest will take place on Sunday 28th April from 10am until 3pm at the Storforth Lane Trading Estate in Hasland, Chesterfield.

There will be a huge collection of tractors on display as well as fun activities, including mini fire engine rides, soft play, a climbing wall and more.

The event, which is organised by Ashgate Hospice, costs £3 for adults and is free for children under the age of 11.

Jack Wood, Deputy Director of Income Generation at Ashgate Hospice, said: "We are delighted to be bringing Tractor Fest back to Chesterfield this April.

"Last year was a huge success and we were proud to welcome so many families from across Derbyshire."

All proceeds from Tractor Fest will help fund vital care for patients and families who need the care of the hospice.

The charity must raise £9 million each year so it can continue providing palliative and end of life care to people across North Derbyshire.

Any owners of tractors or other farming vehicles who would like to showcase their vehicles are invited to contact the hospice directly to arrange this.

To book your tickets to Ashgate Hospice's Tractor Fest head to [//www.ashgatehospice.org.uk/tractor-fest](http://www.ashgatehospice.org.uk/tractor-fest)

Alternatively, supporters can contact the hospice's fundraising team on events@ashgatehospice.org.uk or by calling 01246 567250."

Mellor Golf Club are now offering

FREE Junior Membership

to ALL primary school children aged 11 & under!

There has never been a better time to get into golf!

Here at Mellor Golf Club we want to make it even more accessible for your children or grandchildren to learn a new sport, gain life skills, and socialise with other junior members - all whilst getting exercise and experiencing the great outdoors.

Young people are the future of our club and we want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to take up golf!

There are no joining fees, and Mellor Golf Club will even pay your England Golf affiliation fees on your behalf.

To enquire - please contact Cheryl on cheryl@mellorgolf.co.uk or 0161 427 2208

We have a range of opportunities for coaching and playing, so that juniors can develop their skills and build up to being able to play the full 18 holes.

Individual or group lessons are also available if required (at an additional cost) with our PGA Professional Gary. Our Junior organisers are fully DBS checked and we are accredited by Safe Golf.

Happy Easter

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR Easter OPEN WORKSHOPS with Rachel

Week 1:
Tuesday 2nd April
Wednesday 3rd April
Thursday 4th April

Week 2:
Tuesday 9th April
Wednesday 10th April
Thursday 11th April

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New Mills

Online Booking Essential
<https://kidsartclubs.class4kids.co.uk>

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