



21ST JUNE 2024

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter. This week, the chaplains have focused on the virtue of fortitude and how we demonstrate this within our lives.

On Wednesday, class 3 visited The Pavilion to compete in the QuadKids event. Well done to all of you. The feedback from adults was amazing– your behaviour and participation were outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Evans (our sports coach), Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Vass and Mrs Hunt for supporting our pupils. Please see the photographs below.

On Wednesday we had Derbyshire fire service in to teach our year 2 and 6 pupils about fire safety whilst on Thursday the police visited to talk to year 6 pupils about how to stay safe outside school and how to stay safe online.

**What a wonderful fact filled assembly we had on Thursday. Class 2, your delivery and confidence in informing us all about, 'The Great Fire of London' was a great achievement. We are all very proud of you!
It was also class 2's turn in reading with parents. Thank you to all the adults who came to school to listen to pupils read.**

Reminder about being on time – please ensure that your child is in school for 8.45am every day. Learning begins within 5 minutes of children arriving. Some pupils are getting upset because they have missed both their social interaction time and the start of their learning.

Thank you so much to the PTA for the wonderful selection of treats that you presented on Wednesday. It was absolutely delightful. You brought a smile to our faces and much needed energy for all! Once again a huge heartfelt thank you for all the staff at St. Mary's for everything you do.

We are looking forward to the year 6 residential next week!

**God bless and have a wonderful 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/>

Our Trust newsletter can be found here <https://bit.ly/3UQsIdI>

Summer Friday's!

All monies
raised
goes
towards
buying
resources
for
School!



ice lolly
Sale every
Friday at
first
break!



Every Friday we will be
selling ice lollies – please
bring 50p!

Fire safety talk – year 2 and 6



Quadkids – year 3 and 4



Derbyshire police – consequences talk with year 6



Class 2 – read with me



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Class 2 – read with me



Class 2 assembly



DATES TO NOTE

Monday 24th June	Drowning prevention talk by New Mills Leisure Centre – whole school
Wednesday 26th June to Friday 28th June	Year six residential trip to Lea Green
Wednesday 26th June	Year five – come and read with us! 2.30pm parents/carers of year five pupils are invited in to come and read with their children
Thursday 27th June	Music day! All parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 2.30pm
Friday 28th June	Non uniform day (PTA) – bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola and wear pyjamas
Tuesday 2nd July	Key stage 2 sports day 1.30pm – 2.30pm at High Lea Park (weather dependant). Everyone is very welcome to watch.
Wednesday 3rd July	Railway safety talk by Network Rail
Friday 5th July	Class one – come and read with us! 2.30pm parents/carers of class one pupils are invited in to come and read with their children. Class one will not be in star of the week assembly on this day
Monday 8th July	Last swimming lesson for year 3 and 4
Monday 8th July	Key stage 1 sports day 1.30pm – 2.30pm at High Lea Park (weather dependant). Everyone is very welcome to watch.
Monday 8th July to Thursday 11th July	Bikeability
Thursday 11th July	Class 1 and 2 trip to the Runway Visitor Park
Friday 12th July	PTA summer fair 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Monday 15th July	Class four end of year production dress rehearsal (all invited) 1.30pm
Tuesday 16th July	Class four end of year production (all invited) 6.00pm
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Mass, 10.00am at Church. Everyone is welcome.
Friday 19th July	Leavers assembly 1.30pm–2.30pm. All are welcome to attend as we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils.
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer break at 2.30pm after the leavers assembly. ALL CHILDREN should be picked up at 2.30pm at which time school will close for the summer.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

We continue to receive a number of messages from parents/carers requesting time off school for holidays. Please could we remind everyone of your legal responsibilities in relation to school attendance. In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

If an absence request is not granted and your child/children are absent on the dates requested, these absences are marked as unauthorised and we have no option but to refer cases to Derbyshire County Council for consideration of legal action.

This may result in:

- A Penalty Notice payable up to £120 fine per child.
- Prosecution under s444 (1) Education Act 1996 where, if convicted, you may be fined up to £1000.
- Prosecution under s444 (1a) Education Act 1996 where, if convicted, you may be fined up to £2500 and/or a community order or imprisonment.

Headteachers of maintained and academy schools across England are expected to abide by these regulations and to request legal action when a child is absent during term time without their permission – regardless of the child's wider school attendance.

Please do not book holidays during term time. We do understand that costs for holidays are higher outside of term time (school staff suffer in the same way), but any time taken out of school for holidays has a negative impact on both the child and the wider school. As a Headteacher, I have a duty to address absences and a duty of my governing body is to hold me accountable for it.

Mrs Chapman.





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Wrap Around Club

Our wraparound club includes lots of enrichment activities including gardening, sports, free play and homework support.



Arts and crafts



Lego and games



Sports and Fitness



Breakfast club runs Monday to Friday from 7.30am and includes cereal, toast and a drink. £4.00 per day

After school club runs Monday to Thursday (not Fridays) to 5.30pm and includes snacks, such as wraps, cheese and crackers, yogurts and a drink. £8.00 per day

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YOU NEED**



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**Speak to the school office
for more information!**

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 'can a fly see a skyscraper?'

O Lord, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PSALM 118:25,26

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

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 those who are well prepared each day.

Our statement of belief this week was - I understand what trust means.

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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 95.8% 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

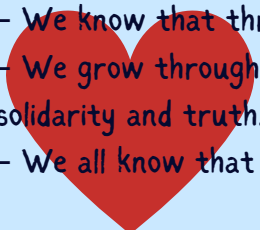
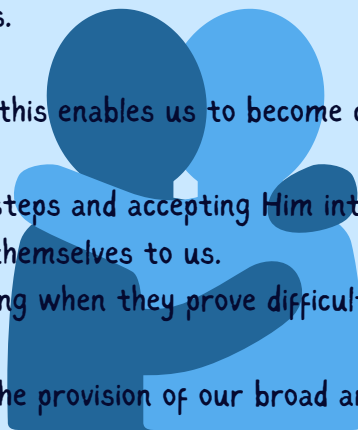
- We know how to say sorry and recognise when we have done something wrong.
- We know how to ask God and others for forgiveness.
- We know how to forgive others as God forgives us.
- We know that we can learn from our mistakes and this enables us to become closer to God.

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

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

POP-UP ADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

Meet Our Expert

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SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

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.

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS – AS A REMINDER, THE CHROMEBOOKS THAT CLASS FOUR 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.



EXTRA INFORMATION



CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS



Calling Foundation Governors

An invitation for you!



Date & Time
Thursday 27 June 2024
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue
VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

*Christ is the foundation
of the whole educational enterprise
in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, §34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.



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To reserve your place please contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

Please see this message from Derbyshire County Council:

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of the Government's Household Support Fund Scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household's struggling to pay for food, energy, and essential living costs. As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and distribution will start in late June 2024. We will update the website when all vouchers have been distributed and provide details of what parents and carers should do if they have not received their voucher. Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund



Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

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

By ensuring that as many 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 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 UPSETTING AND THEY MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES. PLEASE WORK WITH US TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH THE BEST CHANCES 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 morning work in class.

8.45AM

The school day begins at 8.45am with soft 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 days lost per year.

9.10AM

The teacher has explained the learning and lessons have started.

9.10am - 15 minutes late means 9 days 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



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