



Wednesday 23 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

On a Monday afternoon, classes have continued to take it in turns to visit the Chapel to receive mass led by Fr. Taz, or for the younger children attend a Spiritual Communion Mass led by our school Chaplain Mrs Hazel. This allows the opportunity for the younger children to watch a mass online which can be 'paused' to allow children to explore the meaning of each part of mass in more depth.

Yesterday, the ECO Committee spoke to children across the school to talk about the things they have been doing in their bid to help save our planet. They have been busy making bird feeders which children in KS1 have helped to hang around the perimeter of the playground and they have built a super 'Mini Beast Mansion' and welcomed its first residents – a spider and a slug! The children shared some posters they had created inviting us all to 'think before you do it.' For example, ensure all rubbish goes in the bin and not on the floor, unless it can be recycled. The ECO Committee continued to give advice on how you can help at home; recycle old books, plastics, clothes and reduce your waste by eating all your food. You can follow what the ECO Committee are doing on their Twitter page - @Ecostmarysderby. Their next action is to complete a 'Great Big School Clean at Chester Green.' The children have pledged to fill 10 bags of rubbish in their bid to complete our school's Eco award.

Clothing & Food Bank Update

Many thanks to our families and carers for all the donations we have received so far; your generosity has been overwhelming. Your donations of food and toiletries have filled another 3 boxes and Mrs Andrews is in the process of arranging to drop these hampers off at the refugee centre later this week. The uniform rack is looking full too. We understand that not all parents can get into school to look at the uniform. If there is something you need for your child/children, please contact the school office and we will do our very best to accommodate and send home as soon as we can.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we once again invite our parents and carers to follow the link below in a bid to support us in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families living in poverty. If this is something you would like to do, please follow the link to choose a gift. [CAFOD World Gifts – CAFOD World Gifts](#)

In our bid to live in solidarity with the Poor, the children in Key Stage 1&2 will be going on a 'sponsored' walk around Chester Green. Children in Nursery and FS2 will be completing their sponsored walk around the school playground. We will be asking our parents to give a donation through Parent Pay for this sponsored event to raise money for CAFOD. More details to follow.

Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Charlie G, Elsie W, Rory P, Benaiah M, Ka Shun M, Ayaan N, Anika B, Harley D, Arianna C, Isabel T, James H, Adam S and Sebastian W. Well done everyone.

A special mention goes to Louie S for being named Man of the Match by his football team last weekend, Yuna P and Maddie S who both took part in the AKG dance festival at the weekend. Maddie S danced 22 times and won 5 Gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals. Congratulations to you all.



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Annual Reports

Your child would have received their mid-year school report today – Wednesday 23 March – please check their school book bag. If your family circumstances have changed over the past few months and parents now require an additional copy of the school report, please contact the school office (admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk). Any additional copy for parents only will be sent via email. Please inform the office with an email address to which the report can be sent to.

A parental MS Feedback Form will be given to our parents and carers to complete; the link to this MSForms will be given in next week's updates.

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to the parents and carers who were able to join us for our first coffee morning in school for 2 years. It was a great success. We hope the information shared by Mrs Novak-Lemmings on the school's new and innovative approach to the curriculum was informative.

Dates for your Diary

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 8 April – Last day of term
- Monday 25 April - School re-opens for the Pentecost Term
- Friday 27 May – Last day of term
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term
- Friday 1 July – INSET
- Friday 22 July – Last day of term

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

The Leadership Team



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