



STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I do hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term. The children have returned to school ready for work and eager to participate in all the activities we have planned for the coming weeks. I am very proud of our wonderful Year 6 children and the fantastic success they have achieved in the recent Grammar School entrance exams. Their success is the product of hard work, commitment and a positive attitude towards their studies. During the exam process they were relaxed and focused and still found time to have fun and continue with their creative curriculum, music and sport. This is a valuable lesson for life. At Stella Maris we teach our children to be resilient and to take things in their stride. Year 6 are great role models for the younger children and we wish them every success for the future at the Grammar Schools they have accepted offers from. The schools are very fortunate to be receiving such hard-working and committed students.

We are now well into our Spring Term and heading towards Easter. This week many of our children have been engaged in progress tests and class assessments in preparation for the Easter reports which will be sent home on Tuesday 27th March. Encourage your children to work hard but remind them that there is no reason for them to be worried about any school tests as they are just one of the many ways in which we measure the progress our children make at Stella Maris School.

Although this is a relatively short term there are many exciting things happening in school during the coming weeks. Our class teachers are busy planning activities and trips for getting the children out and about both for enjoyment and educational purposes. Our visits to the local library will continue and the staff are already involved in the preparations for individual class and department trips. Next Thursday, on the 15th March our Pre-Prep and KS 1. departments will be enjoying a day out at Stockley Farm in Cheshire. On the same day Yr. 6 will be out and about in Manchester visiting the Portico Library on an enrichment trip. We will be holding our annual Open Morning on Saturday 17th March in order to give prospective parents an opportunity to visit our school. On 20th March Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 will be visiting the famous Pankhurst Centre in Manchester. The children have been studying the Suffragette Movement as part of their History topic and are very excited to have the opportunity of visiting the house where it all began during this special anniversary year.

The PTA are also keeping very busy and are building up to one of their main events of the year, the legendary "Easter Eggstravaganza." This will take place after school on Friday 23rd March. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Our many and varied extra-curricular clubs continue to be enjoyed by our children. They are held before school, during lunchtimes and after school. The ICT Club is a popular choice for the older children and the Chess League is progressing well. Keep watching out for Club News in the weekly newsletter so you can remind your children of the many different clubs they can get involved with in school each week. With so much going on this is proving to be a very action-packed and exciting half-term!

After the Easter holiday we will be looking at projected numbers for next September and sorting out classes for the academic year 2018-2019. When all decisions have been agreed by the Board of Trustees I will write to inform you of such.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your continued support and help. It is very much appreciated and contributes to making Stella Maris School the special place it is.

With best wishes,

Mrs N. Johnson