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NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

What a wonderful start we've had to the new school year! It has been an absolute joy to welcome the children back—refreshed, smiling, and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. From the very first day, there has been a real buzz of energy around the school, and it's clear that the children have returned ready to learn, grow, and take on new challenges.

Across all year groups, we've been so impressed by the positive attitudes, excellent behaviour, and the way pupils have re-engaged with their learning. Classrooms are already alive with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration, and it's been lovely to see friendships rekindled and routines re-established so smoothly. Please head over to our school Facebook and Instagram pages to see what the children have been up to in their respective classrooms.



GOSPEL VALUES

Each week during our Friday assembly, we will listen to a story from the bible and try to understand the message that God would like us to listen to and enact in our daily lives as members of the Stella Maris School community.

Last Friday we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan and realised that God wants us to show 'KINDNESS' to one another.

The teachers have been on the look out for children showing kindness to others this week and merit awards were given out during our assembly this morning. Well done to those pupils that were recognised.

DAILY MILE

The 'Daily Mile' has been a tremendous success this week and we've been blessed with beautiful sunny mornings as we walked along the local footpaths in Heaton Mersey. The teachers have reported that they've already noticed how focused the children are upon their return to school. Thank you for embracing this initiative and getting the children to school on time each morning.



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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

We've been busy working on counting sets, recognising numbers by subitising - our growing collection of conkers has helped us with this!

Our first lessons in French, Music and PE were a great success, with everyone listening carefully and joining in.

Year 1/2

Year 1-2 have had another busy week!

In Maths, Year 1 learnt how to sequence numbers and how to add and subtract numbers to 10. Year 2 learnt to sequence numbers to 20. They also revised how to add and subtract numbers.

In English Year, 1 and 2 learnt about emotions and about how important it is to express them.



Year 4/5

The Year 4 and 5 children have continued their excellent start to the new school year, displaying good focus and organisational skills.

In Science, we have delved into our topic on 'Life Cycles', and the students are actively engaged in understanding what conditions a seed needs to germinate!

In English, we have really put spelling at the forefront of our work, examining strategies and rules to ensure our written work is as correct as possible in this area.

Year 6

Year 6 had a great week and it's been fabulous to see 100% attendance and punctuality.

In Maths, they've completed the unit on Place Value of numbers to 10 million and were totally frustrated by a challenging assessment question that Mr Usher set for them! In English they've completed some grammar questions on using the active and passive voice. They loved their first Drama session with Mrs Messango on Wednesday and Thursdays Art lesson with Mrs Baldwin saw some excellent pieces of artwork being produced using chalk to sketch Ancient Greek pillars!

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led by coaches from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £7.50 per sessions (Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session (Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth – FREE after-school club for Year 1/2 (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

