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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

The theme of our assembly this morning was all about forgiveness and the children listened to that well known parable - The Prodigal Son. We talked about how sometimes people make bad choices and when we say "sorry" and try to do better, we can be forgiven. The children learnt about how God's love is like a parent's love—it doesn't disappear when they make mistakes. The teachers awarded a merit badge to those children who have displayed any of the Gospel Values around school this week. Well done to them.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We have quite a few Educational Visits and different events planned before we break up for Easter so there's a calendar of events at the bottom of the newsletter to help parents plan ahead!



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

We are delighted to invite parents and grandparents to our 'Festival of the Arts', taking place on Wednesday 18th March at 5:00pm in the school hall. This special evening will celebrate the creativity and talent of our pupils, who will be showcasing their artistic skills in a variety of ways.

The programme will include performance poetry, musical instrument performances, singing and an exhibition of artwork created during lessons.

It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see the breadth of learning and creativity taking place across the school.

The festival will last approximately one hour, and light refreshments will be served afterwards. We very much hope you will be able to join us to support and celebrate our young artists.



Follow us on Facebook for more photos and updates!



SUPPORTING THE WELLSPRING

Lillian, our Charity Prefect, needed some extra help from her friend Isla in order to carry all of the donations of food into the Wellspring Centre on Wednesday afternoon! The centre were very grateful and wished to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all members of the Stella Maris community.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have attempted to spruce up the corridor in the main entrance to the school. There's still a bit of work to do with the flooring but this is working progress!

Mrs Jones met with some Year 6 prefects to plan how they are going to spend their budget to enhance the newly established school library. Watch this space to see how things develop!

FINANCE EDUCATION

We're delighted to be working once again with the Community Trust team at Stockport County Football Club. After half term, they'll be delivering a 5-week programme for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, focusing on numeracy and financial skills. Sessions will take place every Monday afternoon from 1-3pm. In addition, the coach will also be running free girls' football sessions from 3-4pm each week for the same 5 weeks — a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, teamwork and enjoyment through sport.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Our Pre-Prep children got involved with the Big Garden Birdwatch last week, keeping a close eye out for the birds visiting our outdoor area. To complete the experience, Fifi went out into Heaton Mersey to find a post box and proudly posted our survey, helping the children learn how their observations contribute to a real national project.





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CLASS NEWS

Year 4/5

This week, Year 4 and 5 have been enjoying their work in English and History through the class text *Viking Boy* by Tony Bradman, which links closely to their learning about the Vikings. The children have been developing their reading skills by using context to work out the meaning of new vocabulary and bringing the story to life through expressive reading. In Maths, the focus has shifted from long multiplication to division, and it has been great to see how confident the children are becoming, particularly as their strong times table knowledge is helping them tackle larger numbers more easily.

Year 6

It's been a busy week in Year 6. The children have enjoyed their performance poetry session with Ms Mesagno and are learning that well-known nonsense poem by Lewis Carroll called the Jabberwocky. In Maths they've been learning about multiplying mixed numbers by a fraction as well as a fraction by a fraction. In English, they have spent all week writing, editing and typing a finished story in the style of C.S. Lewis.



Pre-Prep

This week in Pre-prep we have been very busy continuing our work on British Birds by making some beautiful bird mobiles, which are now hanging up in the classroom. We have learnt about the life-cycle of a bird and practiced our writing skills by making labels for the birds. In maths we have been working with numbers to five finding different ways to make the total.

Year 1/2

It has been another busy week of learning in Year 1-2. In English, the children continued exploring traditional tales by planning and writing their own versions of *The Three Little Pigs*. In Maths, they were introduced to multiplication and division, learning about equal groups, with Year 2 using the multiplication symbol to write number sentences. In Science, the class learned about materials and their properties before building houses for the three little pigs using suitable materials. In French, they revised counting to 20 and how to describe how they feel.

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 all ages (3.05 pm
– 3.45 pm)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Saturday 31st January	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 5)	10:30am start
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	Mr Brown to lead
Thursday 12th February	Key Stage 2 History Educational Visit to Tatton Park. Travel by coach	£20 donation please Depart -9:00am Return- 3:00pm
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term	3:05pm
Monday 23rd February	School opens for Spring 2 After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Saturday 28th February	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 6)	10:30am start
Monday 2nd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Tuesday 3rd March	Key Stage 2 Music Educational Visit to the Halle @ Bridgewater Hall. Travel by Tram	Depart -9:15am Return- 2:00pm
Thursday 5th March	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 Science Educational Visit to Smithills Farm	£20 donation please Depart -9:00am Return- 3:00pm
Monday 9th March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Monday 16th March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Wednesday 18th March	Festival Of the Arts	5:00pm in the school hall Parents/grandparents welcome
Monday 23rd March	After-school girls' football (KS2)	3:00-4:00pm
Thursday 26th March	Academic progress reports to go home	
Friday 27th March	School closes for the Easter holiday	12:00pm Noon