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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. We hope you all enjoyed a happy and holy Easter spent with your loved ones. A very special welcome to our three new pupils joining us this term: Charlotte in Year 4, and Eleonora and Emilia in Pre-Prep - we are delighted that you have joined our school community. This promises to be a busy and exciting term, with many opportunities for the children to learn and grow both in and out of the classroom. Please take a moment to read the calendar of events at the end of this newsletter and ensure that any important dates are noted in your diaries.

ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

St. Bede's have arranged a taster day on Wednesday 13th May. The day is designed to give Year 5 pupils a feel for senior school life through a range of lessons and activities. Interested parents can book directly with the school at their email address:-
admissions@sbcm.co.uk

GOSPEL VALUES

During this week's assembly, we focused on the theme of 'Peace'. We heard the story of when Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection and said, "Peace be with you." This reminded us that peace is a gift we can share with others.

We talked about simple ways to bring peace to those around us this week, such as listening to our parents and teachers, praying for peaceful hearts, smiling at others and helping to resolve disagreements between friends.

As always, the teachers awarded badges to our Merit winners. Congratulations to those children selected.



ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Thursday 23rd April is St. George's Day and we would love to celebrate here in school! The teachers will be planning some special activities and the children can come into school wearing the colours of the English flag - Red and White!



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PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHING

We were delighted to welcome two highly qualified and experienced peripatetic teachers to Stella Maris this week. Mr Taylor will be teaching drums, ukulele and guitar on a Tuesday morning. Mrs Chambers will be teaching piano on a Friday. Thank you to all parents who have expressed an interest in their child wishing to take advantage of 1:1 lessons. The music teachers will be in touch in due course in order to introduce themselves and arrange payment details.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Our Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 pupils had a brilliant time on Thursday! Over the past week, they have been exploring cause, effect and resolution through their class text 'Zog.' Their learning was brought to life when they watched a professional stage performance of the story at the Lowry Theatre! Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the cost of the tickets. The children will remember this experience for a very long time.



YOUNG WRITERS

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 pupils, whose creative writing has been selected for publication. Their stories have been compiled into a professionally printed book, now proudly displayed in the school library. During a special assembly, those who ordered copies were presented with their own books to take home. We are very proud of their creativity and the effort they put into their writing.



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School sessions will resume again next week. Mrs Jones will be taking Year 4 and Year 6 in the morning and her lessons will be covered by Mr Usher. She will then be taking Pre-prep and Key Stage 1 pupils in the afternoon. Pupils are reminded to come into school in clothing suitable for Forest School and bring a change of clothes in a separate carrier bag in case they get wet and muddy!

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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

This week we have been so pleased to welcome some new members to the class! We have been very busy showing them around the classroom and playground and generally helping them to get used to school. We also found time to do our usual English and Maths work, and enjoyed a fun trip on Thursday to the Lowry Theatre to see the show Zog.

Year 1/2

It has been a week of 'new' things for KS1 - a new teacher, a new classroom layout, a new seating plan and some new faces to play with in our PP classroom! A big well done to all the children for managing the changes so well and for helping out their "new" teacher as she gets used to everything!

Year 4/5

In Geography, the children have begun exploring the host cities for the 2026 World Cup, using digital maps to locate places such as New York and Miami and developing their mapping skills along the way. In Maths, they are coming to the end of their fractions unit, focusing on finding fractions of amounts. It has been great to see the class growing in confidence as they apply their learning to solve problems.

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have had lots of fun with their learning this week. In Maths, they have explored decimals in greater depth and have learnt how to multiply and divide decimals by an integer. They loved their archery and caving session on Monday afternoon at Venture Out. On Tuesday, they made a start on learning their lines for the forthcoming summer show as well as learning some of the songs during their music lesson. They really enjoyed being introduced to Shakespearean vocabulary and compiling insults in the style of the Bard during their Performance Poetry lesson! Another busy week!

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 - £8 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
Monday 20th April	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Thursday 23rd April	St George’s Day Celebration	Children to wear red and white clothing to school
Monday 27th April	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Monday 11th May	Key Stage 2- Educational Visit to the Museum of Science and Industry-Cosmic Chaos	9:05-3:00pm Packed lunch needed Full school uniform
Monday 18th May	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Friday 22nd May	LAMDA examinations	
Friday 22nd May	3:05pm School closes for Whit holiday	School closes for 2 weeks
Monday 8th June	School opens for Summer 2	8:00am
Tuesday 9th June	Greater Manchester Fire Service workshop for KS2	1:00pm
Wednesday 10th June	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle Orchestra	Leave school at 11:00am Return to school at 3:00pm Packed lunch required
Thursday 17th June	Key Stage 2 go to the Palace Theatre to watch Annie	Leave school at 1:30pm Return to school at 6:00pm
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day	1:30pm St. John’s playing field
Friday 26th June	Dress rehearsal for the Summer Production	12:00-2:00pm at the Community Hall (No KS2 swimming today)
Tuesday 30th June	Summer Production-The School-O-Vision Song Contest	6:00pm @ Heaton Mersey Community Hall
Thursday 2nd July	Transition morning	Children to meet their new teacher
Tuesday 7th July	Pre-Prep + Key Stage 1 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Wednesday 8th July	Year 4+5 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Assembly	2:00pm School hall
Thursday 9th July	End of year pupil progress reports to go home	
Friday 10th July	Year 6 bowling at Parris Wood	9:30-11:00am
Friday 10th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday	12:00 noon