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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to all our families following the summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school looking refreshed, happy and ready for the year ahead. We would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new families and staff joining the Stella Maris community – we are delighted to have you with us and hope you and your children quickly feel part of our school family. As usual, our weekly newsletter will keep you up to date with all that has been happening in school, celebrate the children's achievements and provide information about the exciting events and opportunities we have planned for the weeks ahead. We are looking forward to another happy, successful and memorable year together.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Monday

- Forest School Years 3-5
- Chess Club - after school

Tuesday

- LAMDA - Lunchtime
- Computing Club
- PTA- AGM @4:15pm

Wednesday

- P.E. lessons
- Gardening Club - Lunchtime
- Little LAMDA's - Lunchtime
- Sports Club - after school

Thursday

- Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am
- Art Club - Lunchtime

Friday

- Swimming Years 3-6

GOSPEL VALUES

Every Friday morning, we come together as a whole school for our weekly Celebration Assembly, giving us the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many successes and achievements of the week. Each assembly has a particular focus on one of our core Gospel Values, which are proudly displayed in our school hall.

This week, our focus was 'Kindness', with the familiar saying, "One good turn deserves another," reminding us of the positive impact that small acts of kindness can have on others.

Our teachers also recognise children who have caught their eye during the week by demonstrating one of our Gospel Values in and around school. Congratulations to all of this week's Merit Star Award winners – what a wonderful way to begin the new school year!



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DAILY MILE

It was wonderful to resume our Daily Mile this week. Not only does this provide the children with all the well-known health and wellbeing benefits of regular exercise, but it also gives us a lovely opportunity to enjoy and appreciate God's natural world in the beautiful surroundings of Heaton Mersey Common. The children have made a fantastic start and it has been great to see them enjoying their morning walks together.

Registration takes place at 8:50am, before the children head out promptly at 9:00am. If your child arrives after registration, please bring them through the main entrance, where a member of staff will supervise them until the children return from their Daily Mile walk. We ask that children change out of their school shoes before taking part. A pair of wellies, walking shoes or old trainers are ideal. To make mornings a little easier, please leave your child's change of footwear in school so that they are always available and don't get forgotten!



PUPIL CONTACT RECORD UPDATE

At the beginning of each new school year, we ask all families to check and update their child's contact details so that we can ensure our records are accurate and up to date. A Pupil Contact Record Update Form was sent home last week. Please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep our school records accurate and, most importantly, ensuring that we are able to contact you quickly should we ever need to.



PARENTS' MEETINGS

As we begin the new school year, our teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents for a brief start-of-year meeting during the week commencing 21st September. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear a little more about the year ahead and discuss important information such as classroom routines, homework and general expectations. It will also provide an opportunity for you to share anything that may be helpful for your child's teacher to know as we begin the year together. Teachers will be in touch shortly to arrange a mutually convenient time. We look forward to working closely with you and building positive partnerships throughout the year.

WRAPAROUND CARE

To support our working families and help make the start and end of the school day as convenient as possible, we are pleased to continue offering our Wraparound Care provision.

For children who need to arrive early, free supervision is available in the school hall from 8:00am until 8:30am. Parents can drop their children off safely at the main entrance.

Our After School Club will also continue to run each day from 3:05pm until 5:30pm, providing children with a safe, relaxed and enjoyable environment at the end of the school day. The cost is £9.00 per session. We hope this provision continues to be a helpful and flexible support for our families throughout the year.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out and follow our Facebook page! We'll be sharing regular updates throughout the year, giving you a glimpse into all the exciting things the children have been getting up to in school. From special events and trips to classroom activities and celebrations, it's a lovely way to keep up with life at Stella Maris and celebrate the children's achievements with us.



Pre-Prep

This week we have enjoyed welcoming some new faces into the PP classroom. A big well done to the older children who have helped them out by showing them where things are and helping them to join in and play together. We have started collecting things for the Autumn Table and learning about what happens at this time of the year to the trees, plants and animals.

Key Stage 1

The children in Year 1 and 2 have had a brilliant start back after the summer break. In Literacy we have been exploring adjectives to describe our castles and working really hard on our handwriting and phonetic knowledge. In Maths we have been using our Base 10 equipment to strengthen our understanding of the value of tens and ones. Well done and keep up the hard work!

Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the year, working exceptionally hard. In English, they have been retelling the classic tale of Sinbad, using thesauruses to find exciting and ambitious vocabulary. In Science, they have begun their new topic, Keeping Healthy, learning about the different food groups and how they help our bodies.

Year 5

This week, the children in Year 5 have settled well into the new school year and have been working hard in our Maths and English lessons. In English, we began our new class text, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and started our unit on setting descriptions, where we have been exploring the descriptive language used by the author. In Maths, the children have been working hard on place value and numbers to one million. They particularly enjoyed learning to read and write Roman numerals to one thousand. Well done, Year 5. What a great start!

Year 6

It has been a fantastic start to the year for our Year 6 pupils. They have returned from the summer break with a very positive attitude to learning, showing excellent focus and commitment both in class and with their homework. They understand the demands of this important Autumn Term as they prepare for their entrance examinations, and Mr Usher has been delighted with their attitude, effort and determination this 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. -
Years 1-6 - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8.00 per
sessions (Lunchtime for Year 1-6)

Thursday

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

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

The account number is 01287257 (ref: child's
name)

The sort code is: 01-08-38

PTA BANK DETAILS

The account number is: 49669060.

The sort code is: 30-54-66.



BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to the Marey family, who welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Mansor, into the world during the summer holidays. We send our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to the whole family at this special time. We look forward to hearing all about the newest member of the Stella Maris family!

