



St Mary's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

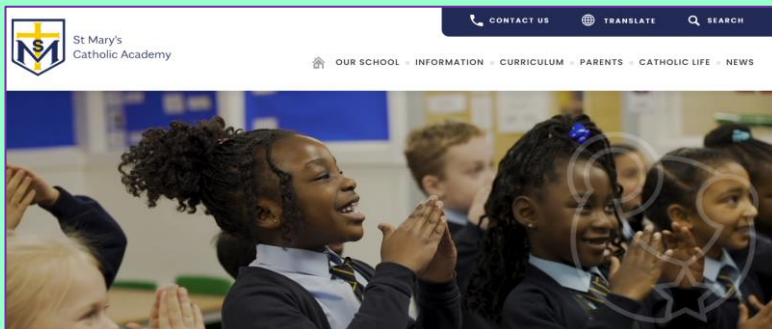
I hope the brighter days and signs of spring are helping to bring a little joy to your days, especially in these challenging times. Please have a read of this newsletter so you are informed of all we have planned. **There are some provisional dates below for the Summer/Pentecost term.**

Dates for your diary

Fri 1 st April -9:30am	Easter assembly – all welcome Break up for Easter holiday
Tues 19 th April 2022	Return to school Mass at St Mary's
Wed 25 th May 2022	Jubilee Party Day
Fri 1 st July 2022	Sports Day
Fri 8 th July 2022	Summer Fair

Website Launch

Our school website has received a new look. I hope the site will provide a wealth of information for you. Our school curriculum, class pages, school term dates and a copy of newsletters can all be found on the website.



If you can think of any further information you would like to access on the school website, please share your thoughts with a member of staff.

St Mary's on Social Media

We are considering a selection of social media platforms in which we can communicate with you day to day. This will replace our blog and will include a flavour of exciting events in school and trips/visits we enjoy. Any use of social media will follow GDPR regulations, our policies and the permission you have provided about your child's data.

Twitter? Facebook? Instagram? If you have a preference or view, please share them with a member of staff within the coming week.



Prayers of Peace

I am so proud of the children and staff, for their thoughtful words and prayers, as we have reflected this week on the war in Ukraine. I'm pleased so many of you have been touched by the prayer doves – our prayers will continue and you can join us by saying the prayer below.

Please keep Hanya Postolan's family in your prayers. We are so proud of her for sharing her story with some children on the BBC news.



A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and
protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and
wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of
Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

Our Lenten Pledges

Lent is a time of fasting, giving to charity and most importantly, praying to God for his guidance and forgiveness. This Lent, we are **fasting** with a difference in school. We are **fasting from poor behaviour** we wish to change in ourselves and feasting on behaviour we wish to see. Here are a few of our pledges:

Fast from jealousy; Feast on sharing
Fast from worry; Feed on hope.
Fast from bad news; Feed on prayer.
Fast from unhappiness; Feast on thankfulness.
Fast from anger; Feed on patience.
Fast from meanness; Feed on love and forgiveness.
Fast from words that hurt; Feast on words that are kind.



Parent Forum

Parent Forum met last half term and there is definitely a desire for school community events to return. Ideas voiced included school barbecues and discos.

We have lots planned for the Pentecost Term – the Queen's Jubilee Party, Sports Day and the Summer Fair. Each of these events will include parents / carers. Where we can, we will invite the wider community.

Please support these events when we start to seek help.



Helping Ukraine

Miss Tymoshenko is supporting a collection for Ukraine and would like to seek our communities help. Trident Security will be supporting to ensure the goods reach the Polish border. Items requested:

Sleeping bags	Antiseptic cream
Torches	Shampoo
Bandages	Tooth brushes and paste
Soap	Toilet roll
Plasters	Medicines (unopened)
Nappies	Bags of rice / pasta

Drop off point and times:

Ukrainian Cultural Centre,
403 Mansfield Rd, NG5 2DP
Sat 10am – 1pm
Mon – Fri 2 – 5pm



Parent Governor

A special thank you to Mrs Lindo and Mr Ghulam for applying to be a parent governor. Congratulations to Mrs Lindo for securing this role

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards,
Anne-Marie Bell