St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

Reflecting the love and faith of Mary in all that we do.

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Newsletter

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The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust

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Our Virtue Focus

Thankfulness

Our new school virtue focus for the remainder of this half term is thankfulness. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"* ***Peter 1:3-12***

Dear Lord
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy
goodness sends.
I thank you Lord.
Amen

Rosary Prayer Sessions

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On Wednesday and Friday throughout the month of October we will be holding rosary prayer sessions in the main school hall at 8.45am.

Confirmation Preparation

Our third Confirmation Session is taking place at 5pm on 15th October. We look forward to seeing our families there.

Dates for the Diary

9.10am on 6th October – Writing Showcase

9.10am on 21st October – 34KS Black History Month assembly

22nd October – Individual and siblings photographs

World Homeless Day

On 9th October we will be having a non-uniform day for World Homeless Day to raise funds for the charity Happy Days. We ask for a donation of £1 on school money if your child is coming to school in non-uniform. Happy Days is a local charity who supports those in the community who are most in need.

Parking Outside School

Parking on Swires Road outside school is an ongoing issue and concern. Due to our school and Holy Trinity being in such close proximity, we rely on parents to follow the School Street restrictions that are in place.

Swires Road is closed from 8.45am to 9.30am and 2.45pm-3.30pm Monday to Friday.

The restriction is a moving traffic restriction enforced by the Police.

We are having frequent reports from concerned parents that some families are using the road and parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school. Any registrations that are seen to be doing this are sent to the Council and Police.

To keep all of our pupils, parents and school community safe, you must adhere to these rules.

Parents Evening

A huge thank you to all of our parents who attended parents evening last week. It was wonderful to share with you all how your children are settling into the new school year. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office and our teachers will endeavor to arrange an alternative time to discuss your child with you.

Bookworms Reading Event

Our first Bookworms Reading Event of the school year will be taking place on Tuesday 13th October where we invite parents to come into school, visit the library with their child and take some time to share a story together. We invite EYFS and KS1 parents into school at 2.30pm until 2.50pm and KS2 parents into school 3.00pm-3.20pm. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

Parish Race Night

All are invited to the St Mary's Race Night that is being held on 13th November at The Catholic Club on Hopwood Lane. Tickets are available at St Mary's Church or ask at the school office. Tickets are £7.50 which includes pie and peas, and there will 5 races as well as other games.

Thank you

New 2027-2028 Term Dates

The pupil holiday dates for the academic year 2027-2028 are as follows:

Holiday	*Close*	*Open*
Autumn	----------	Tuesday 7th September 2027
Half Term	Friday 22nd October 2027	Tuesday 2nd November 2027
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2027	Tuesday 4th January 2028
Half Term	Friday 18th February 2028	Monday 28th February 2028
Easter	Friday 7th April 2028	Monday 24th April 2028
May Day	Monday 1st May 2028	Tuesday 2nd May 2028
Half Term	Thursday 25th May 2028	Monday 5th June 2028
Summer	Tuesday 25th July 2028	----------

Staff Training Days:
Monday 6th September 2027, Monday 1st November 2027,
Monday 3rd January 2028, Friday 26th May 2028, Wednesday 26th July 2028

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