



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Families,

## **Catholic Life of the School**

This week we considered things we should say 'yes', 'no', 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry' for this Lent as we prepare for Easter. Perhaps we need to be ready to say 'yes' if a parent asks us to make our bed, maybe we need to say 'no' if we are tempted to break our Lenten promise not to eat chocolate! We thought about things we might need God or someone else's help with by asking 'please' and things to give thanks for and be grateful for such as our families and ability to receive an education.



Year 4 participated in Mass on Monday and Year 6 today. Year 6 also partook in the Stations of the Cross with the parish before input and adoration with Fr Joseph. Thank you to Fr Joseph for supporting Year 6 in their learning.



**YOUTH MASS** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am at Sacred Heart in Berkhamsted.

Join with families from our school and parish community as they sing, play music, read and participate in the Mass this weekend. It is sure to be a joyous occasion. If you would like to take part in any way, please contact Jane Lavin [janelavin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janelavin@yahoo.co.uk) who can help you get involved.

## **Nursery Applications – September 2024**

Our remaining Nursery Tour date is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am. Please contact the school office via [admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to attend.

## **World Book Day**

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Children (and staff!) came to school in pyjamas and enjoyed a reading carousel as children chose which adult to listen to reading their favourite stories. Thank you to Miss Addison for organising a fun-filled reading day.



## **Policy Updates:**

Our RSE Policy has gone back out for consultation with parents and families. Please see the policy - attached to the newsletter or available on our website. If you wish to participate in the consultation, please use the form below to share any comments or feedback. Thank you for your input.

<https://forms.gle/wa4y2ddBXkBDXfrN6>

## **Book Fair**

Thank you to all those who supported the book fair last week including Miss Addison for arranging it and the PTA who sold yummy treats on Friday. Our total sales amount was £854.04 and as we sold over £800 worth of books, we earn 50% of that back so we have **£427.02** to spend on books as a result which is fantastic news!

## **Year 1 and 2 History Toys Workshop**

Thank you to Mrs Onion for organising the workshop this week and to our staff and parent helpers who worked with our children to support them in getting the most out of this experience.

## **EYFS Ducklings!**

We had our small, fluffy friends taking their first swim this week before we said goodbye to them on Thursday. Very kindly, the Brady family have adopted our 5 fluffy friends so we look forward to seeing pictures and



hearing about their progress as they grow up. Thank you to the EYFS team for this wonderful experience and to the Brady family for offering to adopt our ducklings!

### **Sports Update**

The Y5/6 girls played a fantastic game of football on Thursday against our neighbours, Greenway. Despite having many shots on target, their fearless Goalkeeper managed to block them all. Conceding an unfortunate goal late in the second half meant a 1-0 loss for us. Well done to all the girls who played, it's been a great season!

On Friday it was the 'Let Girls Play - Biggest Ever Football Session', created to encourage as many girls to take part in football as possible. In honour of this, our Sports Ambassadors created a KS2 girls football tournament. Year 3 and Year 4 played in mixed teams against each other in a round robin style tournament, and the Year 5 girls played a 7-side match against the Year 6 girls. There was some fantastic skill shown, and it was a joy to see so many girls playing football and having fun! Well done to everyone who took part.

Please see the attached flyer about an **Ultimate Frisbee club** which will be beginning at STM.

### **Class Rep Minutes**

Please see attached the minutes from our latest Class Rep meeting. As always, thank you to parents, Class Reps and Mrs Capes for your input and time.

### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance is up to **98.52%** this week. Thank you for your support

Reception	96%	Year 4	99%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	98%
Year 3	98%		

Well done to Years 1, 4 and 5 with the highest attendance this week!

### **Lateness**

There were 33% of pupils in the school who were late on one or more occasion this week. A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.40am and the school day begins at **8.45am**. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

### **STMSA News**

#### **🌸 Mother's Day Gift Shop 🌸**

Thank you to all the parents who donated gifts to make this event a success. And thank you to all those who helped the children select presents and wrap them for Mother's Day. We wish all STM mum's a very happy day on Sunday!

#### **👉 Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 21st March**

Our next meeting will be to start planning for the summer term events. We would like to encourage all parents who are interested in helping, whether you are on the committee or not, to please join us - details will be communicated closer to the time.

#### **Easter Egg Trail - Thursday 28th March 🐣**

All children and any siblings are invited to join the fun and support our wonderful school straight after break up day. Further details to follow.

### **Community News:**

#### **Prayer at Home**

Hopefully you and your families are enjoying the Prayer at Home resources. They are all available on our school website [here](#).



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**New Parish Administrator for Sacred Heart** - We are looking for a new parish administrator, working 15 hours per week. The job involves all-round parish administration, preparing parish communications and bookkeeping. For more details and to apply, please go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> We shall then shortlist candidates with the help of the diocese, for interview. Deadline for applications is 15th March 2024.

**CHILTERN TABLE TENNIS - BEGINNER/IMPROVER COACHING AT CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY**  
CHARTRIDGE LANE CHESHAM HP5 2RG. Courses aimed at 9 to 14 year olds  
Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL to FRIDAY 5 APRIL inclusive £27.00  
Any queries please phone Mike Atkinson 785609.  
(UKCC Level 2 Table Tennis Licenced Coach) [mike.atkinson@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:mike.atkinson@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

**Calendar dates:**

**Spring Term:**

**March**

11/3/24	Science Week
12/3/24	Year 3 to Mass
13/3/24	Science Fair – <i>families welcome to come into hall after school and see entries</i>
13/3/24	Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am
16/3/24	STMSA St Patrick's Day party @ Sacred Heart parish hall
19/3/24	Year 5 to Mass – <i>change of date</i>
19/3/24	'Break the Rules' Day - OPAL and Lenten Fundraiser
20/3/24	Parent Consultation Evening
22/3/24	Music Assembly (KS2 performers) – <i>families welcome</i>
26/3/24	Start of Holy Week
26/3/24	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am– <i>families welcome, limited capacity</i>
27/3/24	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production @ 6pm – <i>families welcome</i>
28/3/24	STMSA Easter Egg Hunt – <i>after school</i>
28/3/24	End of Term @ 1.30pm

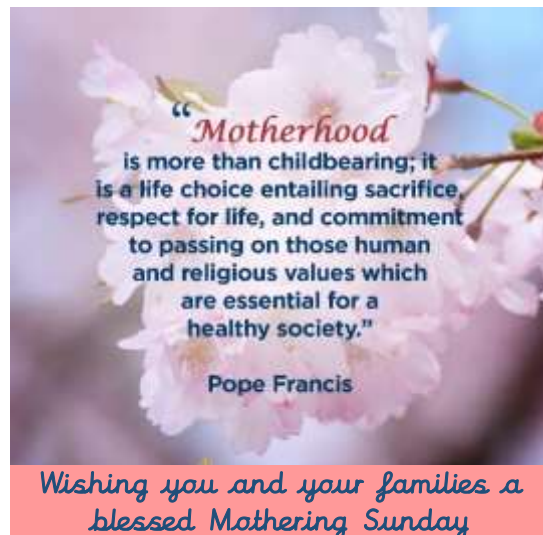
**April**

15/4/24	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>
16/4/24	Start of term for pupils
29/4/24-3/5/24	Year 5 Bikeability course

**May**

6/5/24	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
27/5/24-31/5/24	<b>Half term – school closed</b>

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Lally  
Assistant Headteacher



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