



Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This week some of our KS2 classes received the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Joseph when he came to visit as part of our Lenten preparation for the season of Easter. Their reverence and thoughtfulness was to be commended during the period of Reconciliation and reflection.

On Tuesday, Year 3 attended Mass at Sacred Heart parish. They read superbly and battled the elements there and back getting a very thorough soaking!



Parent Consultation Evening – Wednesday 20th March

A letter was shared earlier this week outlining the details of parent consultation evening this term. This will provide parents/carers the opportunity to meet with the child(ren)'s class teacher to discuss their behaviour, progress and attainment. Children's books will also be out for parents to look at children's work. Bookings can be made via the My Child at School app or contact the school office if you are having difficulty.

Science Week

What a week! A huge thank you to children for their super entries to this year's Science Fair. It was great to see so many varied and interesting experiments carried out at home. We had a record number of entries this year, thank you for the support of parents and families in the completion of these. Mrs Simpson will announce winners next week.

Thank you to the army of volunteers who helped in our Science workshops across the week to support our children in getting the most out of them. Children were treated to a bubble workshop, light and dark workshop and moving toy workshop as well as class activities and investigations – they had a blast!

Thank you to the PTA for helping fund the Science workshops to reduce costs passed onto parents for these experiences. A great big thank you to Mrs Simpson for organising it all.

			
Bubble Workshop Science Fair Project	Science Fair Project Nest building	Reaction times experiment Bubble Workshop	Nest building Science Fair Project
			



Attendance

Whole school attendance is at **94%** this week.

Reception	95%	Year 4	90%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	85%
Year 3	97%		

Well done to Year 1 with the highest attendance this week!

Lateness

This week we have seen an improvement in punctuality with 15% of pupils in the school who were late on one or more occasion this week. Thank you for your support.

Policy Updates:

Our RSE Policy has gone back out for consultation with parents and families. Please see the policy 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>

STMSA News

🌸 Mother's Day Gift Shop 🌸

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this event, from the donations, to the time given to wrap and support on the day as well as those who purchased the gifts. We managed to raise £410! We hope all the mums and others enjoyed receiving their gifts and had a wonderful day celebrating on Sunday.

👉 Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 21st March at 7:30pm 🙋

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. A table has been booked from 7.30pm at The George Inn - hope to see you there!

📅 Easter Egg Trail - Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm 🐣

Join us after school on Thursday 28th to celebrate the start of the Easter holidays with our fun Easter event! Each child will be given a clue sheet to help them find letters placed around the school grounds. Rearrange the letters into an Easter-related word to earn a chocolate reward and a book!

Tickets are £2.50 per child (with a maximum charge of £10 per family). Please bring in cash on the day or you can pre pay via www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/

🏆 March 100 Club Winners

- 1st (£100) Olivia Doran
- 2nd (£50) Saima Sajid
- 3rd (£25) Anya Heath

If you would like to sign up please go to <https://forms.gle/p6w6TZoL76wpEvFc7>

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.

Calendar dates:

Spring Term:

March

16/3/24	STMSA St Patrick's Day party @ Sacred Heart parish hall
19/3/24	Year 5 to Mass
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 – after school
28/3/24	End of Term @ 1.30pm

April

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

May

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

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



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