

## Spring Term Parents' Evening

Our Spring Term Parents' Evening will take on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

An email was sent to all parents with a booking link last Monday. Please ensure you log on and book an appointment. The staff are looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Kate, Eyaan, Ahmed, John, Zak, Alyson and Miller who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Mololuwa, Dhikshitha, Joseph, Amelia, Ben, Sofia and Lottie who have been award star of the week for behaviour.

Well done to all of you – keep up the good work.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated a special birthday this week: Lucas, Indria, Ethan, Elijah, Kimberly and James.

## Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us, please ask and at least one of us will be available. All of our staff are safeguard trained, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.

## Football

A massive congratulations to our football team who represented Greater Manchester in the North of England School finals (Pokemon Cup) on Wednesday. It was an early start and late finish for the team as they had to travel to Sunderland for the competition. Despite the long distance, the team played exceptionally well with one win and one draw and two losses. What was more pleasing was the spirit and sporting integrity which the team displayed in both victory and defeat. Behaviour was exceptional throughout and every member of the team was a credit to St. Mary's.

Congratulations to Jayden, Hadley, Miller, Josh, Max, Theo and Mason.

A huge thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Horoszczak who supported the team. Also a special recognition to Mr Merrington who stepped in as coach for the day.

A special mention to two valued members of the team who played a huge part in qualifying for the competition, Toby and Mr Tomkinson, who had to miss the event due to unforeseen circumstances.

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Gala
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Basketball festival
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 class assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bookfair
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Basketball competition
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Golden Ticket draw
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Passion Play – St. Mary's Church 2pm
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade 9am EYFS 9:30am Year 1/Year 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Close for Spring 2 – 3:20pm
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Open for Summer 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 2 class assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 class assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 class assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 class assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception assembly



## Parish News

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link here: [Newsletters](#)

### Passion Play

Year 3 and Year 4 will perform their annual Passion Play in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. The children will be retelling the final days of Jesus' life during the first Holy Week over 2000 years ago. Parents are invited to come to church to watch.

### St Joseph's Penny

Your child will now have a St. Joseph's Penny box at home. Boxes should be returned to school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All donations will be sent to Caritas, Salford who will use the funds to support people in our own local community.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 who received the Sacramental of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday. As Fr spoke about on the night, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the sacraments which can be received as many times as you wish. During Lent, as we prepare for the death of Jesus, is always a good time for self-reflection. Check the parish newsletter for times when you may be able to receive the sacrament.

### Easter Bonnet Parade

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April. The EYFS parade will take place at 9am and the Year 1 and Year 2 parade will take place at 9:30am. Further details will be sent to you via your child's teacher

### Book Fair

Each year we hold a book fair in school where you can treat your child to a new book – helping to inspire them to grow a love of learning. This year's book fair will take place during the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. More details will follow.

### Family Water Safety Session

We have been given the opportunity for 6 families to take part in a free water safety sessions at Denton Wellness Centre on Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) from 10.30 – 2.30pm. Pupils need to be at least 8 years old to enable them to perform CPR, swimming ability doesn't matter as we can provide swimming aids. It is a family session, so both parents/carers and children are expected to take part.

The session begins with an engaging and interactive classroom workshop, where participants will learn essential lifesaving skills including: Emergency CPR, What to do if someone is choking and How to place a casualty in the recovery position. It will then move into the pool to develop practical water safety skills, including: Float to Survive techniques, Understanding how water feels with currents and Key rescue and survival techniques.

If this is something you would like to take part in, please inform the school office. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Golden Ticket Extravaganza

This year, instead of our usual Easter Egg Raffle, we will be holding our "Golden Ticket Extravaganza". We will be selling chocolate bars to the children for £1.00. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, all the chocolate bars purchased will be delivered to the classrooms.

Inside some of the chocolate bars will be a Golden Ticket! The lucky children who find a gold ticket will either win a chocolate hamper, or a treat for their class. Class prizes will include things like movie treats, extra playtime, hot chocolate.

Tickets will go on sale at lunchtime with Mrs Morton-Smith from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

If parents would like to donate any chocolate towards our hampers, this would be much appreciated. Any donations can be dropped at the school office.

### Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have the highest attendance this week with 98%. Well done Year 6.

	<b>F2</b>	<b>95%</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98%</b>

# GOLDEN TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA



FIND A GOLDEN TICKET IN YOUR £1 CHOCOLATE BAR TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

CHOCOLATE BARS ONLY £1 EACH!

ON SALE FROM MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
UNTIL FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH



## PRIZES TO WIN!



MAIN PRIZE

STAR PRIZE: A HUGE CHOCOLATE HAMPER!

CLASS PRIZES INCLUDE:



MOVIE TREAT



HOT CHOCOLATE



EXTRA PLAYTIME

DON'T MISS OUT! GRAB YOUR CHOCOLATE BAR TODAY!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

# Let's Talk! Speech & Language Drop-In

*FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES , A RELAXED SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS  
EACH FAMILY CAN TAKE PART IN ONE DROP-IN SESSION WITH US*

## ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ...

- How your child plays ?
- Their talking or understanding ?
- Their milestones ?



## AT THE DROP-IN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...

- Speak with a Speech & Language Therapist
- Get guidance from the Health visitor
- Enjoy the soft play together



## JOIN US...

**Denton Wellness Centre**  
**Thursdays (term time)**  
**9am- 11am**

