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Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of St Peter and St Paul and the special example that they provide for us in our lives, as followers of Jesus.

We have reflected upon their frailties and their weaknesses, the same human qualities that we possess too, remembering that they were chosen and called by God, just as we are. Today we are inspired by their example, their story of forgiveness and redemption, their devotion to Jesus and the sharing of the Gospel message and the Good News.



Soft Toy or Sweets / Chocolate Donation for Summer Fayre

From Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th July we are asking for a donation of an "unwanted" soft toy **OR** a donation of sweets / chocolate.

These donations can then be won as prizes at our Summer Fayre!

CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2023 FOR OUR SUMMER FAYRE!







Industrial Action Update

As I am sure you are aware, there is national Industrial Action planned next week on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. As a result of this, on these days, the school will be **partially closed**.

This means that it will be open and staffed for the following classes only:

Nur W (Miss Cross' class) Rec M (Miss Kehoe's class) Y1J Y1-2M Y2R Y3S Y3-4D

Y4T

Our school **Breakfast Club will be open** on both of these days for pupils in the above-mentioned classes. All pupils who are in school on these days and usually have a school meal that includes Universal Free School Meal, Free School Meal and a paid meal, will receive this.

Information regarding the collection of Free School Meals for those pupils not in school on these two days will be communicated to those children and families who it applies to after receiving this letter. If you require any further information regarding this and other matters please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Please note that attendance is expected for all pupils in the classes highlighted above, with any sickness or absence being reported as normal, via the School Office to support our Safeguarding and absence procedures.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Sports Day

A special word of thanks and congratulations to all of our children across the school for their participation in the Sports Days earlier this week. Their attitude, behaviour and support for one-another was fantastic and we should all feel very proud of them. All children had a great time, with Team Mo Farah [Blue] gaining the most points overall over the four events.

A special word of thanks to Mr Taylor, Miss Sypula and Mrs McHugh for organising the events and working with the play-leaders, who did a wonderful job supporting the children.

Thank-you finally to you, our parents and families, who supported the children wonderfully, as always.

Please see more photographs in "Our Wonderful Work This Week" of Sports Day!



Summer Fayre

A reminder that our Summer Fayre will now take place on Friday 14th July.



CLiPPA: Wonderful News

We are delighted to share some exciting news with our whole school community. A group of children from Y5M have been selected to perform from Let's Chase Stars Togetherat the CLiPPA Award Ceremony on **Monday 10th July** at The National Theatre, London. This is the Centre for Primary Literacy Education. Our school performance was the winning entry selected from schools nationally.

A special word of thanks to Mrs Murphy for coordinating our school entry. I am very proud of our talented children and the passion and enthusiasm shared by Mrs Murphy and staff at St Margaret Mary's. I look forward to sharing with you a video of the winning performance and the news of their visit to the ceremony in London.



Nursery & Year 1 Places for September 2023

We have a number of places left in our school nursery for this September. This applies to children who will turn 3 years of age by 31st August 2023.

We also have a couple of places available in our current Year 1.

If you know of anyone who may be looking for a place for their child why not ask them to come and join the St Margaret Mary's family.

Please contact the School Office for more information.



Health & Wellbeing

"Yoga for Children"

Please copy and paste the link below where you will be able to view yoga tips and techniques ...

https://www.st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk/serve_file/17115847



Parent School Meal "Taster Session"

We would to thank all our parents who came to our Menu Sampling afternoon yesterday.

We received excellent feedback and the delicious food was enjoyed by all! Please let the School Office know if you wish your child to change to School Meals or if you would like us to check if your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Please check our website next week for more photographs from the afternoon tasting session!















Some of our wonderful work this week ...

The Nursery children are loving our story this week 'The Rainbow Fish' we acted the story out on Thursday and spoke about the importance of kindness.







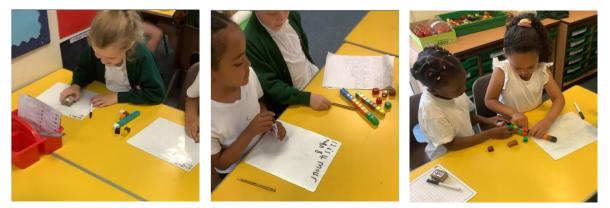
On Thursday Reception learnt how to write a diary entry, linked to their story of The Rainbow Fish.







Year 1 have worked hard at finding the difference between two numbers in Maths.



Year 2 have been busy creating bug hotels this week in their Science.



Some of our wonderful work this week ...

3S enjoyed creating repeated patterns using the Bamboo Tamboo.





Year 4T are recognising special places for Jesus! They are exploring different events and stages during Jesus' life.









Anyone for salsa? 5M have had a great afternoon putting their basic cooking skills to the test to peel, slice and dice cucumbers, onions and tomatoes.









Year 6 have been celebrating school diversity week by reading the story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag. We then discussed diversity and wrote heartwarming poems about what it means to us.



The children enjoyed their Sports Day this week ... Well done everyone for your great effort!































Attendance

2R are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent 100% attendance closely followed by 3S & 6G with 99%!

NurW	Nur/RecH	Rec M	1J	1/2 M	2R
95.1%	96%	95.9%	93%	97.2%	100%
3S	3/4D	4T	5M	5J	6G
99%	97.7%	97.9%	97.8%	82.7%	99%
6W 97.3%					

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward!

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!





Rec: Cody	Y1/2M: Klay	Y3-4D: Elliot & Mason	Y5M: Terry
Rec: Bethel	Y2R: James & Scarlett	Y4T: Axel	Y6G: Freya Lilly
Y1J: Genevieve	Y3S: Ollie P and Peter	Y5J: Poppy	Y6W: Šika



Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced!





Please note there may be additional dates added to the following:

Wednesday 5th July 2023	Industrial Action ~ see above information for classes that MUST attend school	
Friday 7th July 2023	Industrial Action ~ see above information for classes that MUST attend school	
Monday 12th ~ Wednesday 14th July 2023	Soft toy or sweets/chocolate dontation for Summer Fayre	
Friday 14 th July 2023	Own Clothes Day Summer Fayre 3.00 — 6.30 p.m.	
Tuesday 18th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Disco & Assembly	
Friday 21st July 2023	School closes for summer break	
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	School opens after summer break	

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton.



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

"I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."