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### St Margaret Mary's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the half-term gathers pace I am very pleased to share some lovely news of events happening across the school during the last few weeks & in the future.

#### **Young Voices:**

On Monday children from the School Choir visited the Manchester Arena, as part of a North West Singing Initiative. The choir had been rehearsing a series of songs in preparation for the event over a number of weeks starting before Christmas. During the afternoon the children took part in further rehearsals before performing in the evening as part of the wider, communal singing event. The behaviour & commitment of the children was fantastic as they contributed to a superb event & an experience that I am sure they will all remember for a very long time. I would like to thank Miss Dobie & Mr Nelson who have helped to prepare the children for this over a number of weeks, alongside all of the staff & parents who supported the children on the evening. Thank-you to everyone involved for representing St Margaret Mary's so well!

#### **City in the Community:**

Last year pupils in Year Five took part in a city-wide competition sponsored by Manchester City Football Club & City in the Community, to design & draw an aeroplane for Etihad Airways that reflected the City of Manchester & MCFC. Over fifty schools & hundreds of pupils took part in the competition. I am pleased to share with you that Harriet Leeming (Y6) **won first prize** amongst all of the entrants with a wonderful design. On Friday members of City in the Community, including the former goalkeeper Alex Williams MBE, visited the school during assembly time to announce Harriet as the winner of the competition. Harriet's design has been reproduced as a prototype aeroplane & looks stunning. We will be displaying this around the school over the next few months, with pictures of it to view on the school website. Harriet was also presented with match tickets for her & her family & other gifts as part of the prize. Well done to everyone who took part in this competition with special congratulations to Harriet!

#### **Internet Safety: Assemblies**

I am sure you are aware that staying safe online & having a greater awareness of the benefits & dangers of social media is a very important part of your child's education & development. As part of the National Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will also be building on the work that happens all year-round during this week. **On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** a series of assemblies will be led by the 'Digital Leaders' across the school. The Digital Leaders work with Mrs Welch & Miss Percival across the school supporting the computing curriculum & raising awareness of e-safety. They have already posted information & videos regarding their role & tips on how to stay safe when using social media on the school website. We would like to encourage & invite parents to attend the assemblies that will be running across the school, as part of our commitment to ensure that all of our children know how to stay safe on-line. Please see the calendar of events overleaf & school website for further information.



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**Book Swap:**

As part of our wider reading initiatives I would like to remind everyone of the 'Book Swap' that we have planned on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February during the last week of the half-term. A letter regarding this has already been sent home, but as a reminder it is an opportunity to bring any books that have been **read & are no longer wanted** into school, sharing them with other children. Books are now being collected so please remember to bring them into school & support us with this really worthwhile event that will help to widen the reading experience of all our children in a really simple & easy way.

**Reminders:**

**School Uniform:** Please may I remind parents & children of the need to wear appropriate school uniform as we move through this half-term & approach mid-year. Sensible **black-shoes** are the expected footwear to be worn in school & not trainers (including dark trainers). A reminder also that P.E. kits should be simple black shorts & a plain white t-shirt, not football kits. When the weather is cold an additional tracksuit-top for outdoors P.E. is also allowed. Many thanks for your support with this.

**After-School Clubs:**

A reminder that there are still places available for after-school clubs running for the remainder of this half-term. If you would like to book a place for your child/children, please enquire with Mrs Peel who will assist you with this. Payment for this will be reduced to reflect the number of weeks left for the club to run.

**Parent Governor Elections:**

A reminder that the closing date for Parent Governor Nominations is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon. If you require a nomination form or additional information then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**Calendar of Events:**

Below is a list of some of the key events occurring during this half-term. Please note that events have also been added.

Once again many thanks for your continued support

Mr Sutton  
Headteacher

**Spring Half-Term Calendar of Key Events****W/B: 29.01.18**

- Wed 31.01.18 – 9:00 a.m. Y3B Class Assembly (Parents of Miss Blackburne's Class Invited)
- Fri 02.02.18 – 2:30 p.m. Y1 Class Collective Worship (Parents of Miss O'Regan's Class Invited)
- Fri 02.02.18 – 2:15 p.m. EYFS Internet Safety Assembly (Parents invited)

**W/B: 05.02.18**

- Safer Internet Fortnight
- Mon 05.02.18 – 9:05 pm KS1 Internet Safety Assembly (Parents invited)
- Mon 05.02.18 – 2:25 pm KS2 Internet Safety Assembly (Parents invited)
- Mon 05.02.18 – 3:00 pm Y2 SATs Workshop (Y2 Classroom)
- Tue 06.02.18 – 3:00 p.m. Y6 SATs Workshop
- Wed 07.02.18 – 9:00 a.m. Y5B Class Assembly (Parents of Mr Breslin's Class Invited)
- Thu 08.02.18 – Y4 Trip to Brockholes Wildlife Reserve
- Fri 09.02.18 – 2:30 p.m. Rec Collective Worship (Parents of Miss Howell's Class Invited)

**W/B: 12.02.18**

- Safer Internet Fortnight
- Tues 13.02.18 – Internet Safety Workshop 2:30pm (All Parents)
- Wed 14.02.18 – 9:00 a.m. Y2H Class Assembly (Parents of Miss Handrick's Class Invited)
- Thu 15.02.18 – 2:30 p.m. 'Book Swap' – School Hall
- Fri 16.02.18 – 2:30 p.m. Y6J Collective Worship (Parents of Miss Jackson's Class Invited)

**School Closes Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00 p.m. for half-term break**

**School Re-opens Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8:55 a.m.**

