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#### 14th March 2025

Please see below news and important information regarding this week and the week ahead



Temptation in The Desert

Last Sunday's Gospel Reading from Luke has been our focus this week during our Good News assemblies. Recalling Jesus' temptation in the desert we have looked at our relationship with God and the freedom of choice that we are privileged to enjoy.

Luke's account of Jesus' temptation both reminds and inspires us to keep God as our focus during this Lenten season. We are asked to not become distracted or tempted by those things that do not matter and that take us away from God. Instead we are called to put our faith and our trust in Him and Him alone. This Lent God invites us to grow closer in our friendship with Him.

And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Luke 4:12

#### Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

This week we have shared with pupils the gift that Bishop John has sent to our school. He has sent every school in the Diocese of Salford, a beautiful wooden anchor, 'an anchor of hope'. The anchor is a well known symbol of hope for Christians around the world. As you can see in the picture, the anchor is the base of the cross, it is submerged deep into the waters and signifies how, like an anchor, our faith gives us stability and security. During both this holy season of Lent and Jubilee Year we will use it as our own anchor.

### Jubilee Year of Hope: St Joseph's Penny Donation – Own Clothes Day

Many thanks for your support with our own clothes day today. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, all monies generously donated will go towards St Joseph's Penny, with the colour blue, signifying one of the four colours on the Pilgrims of Hope logo. The colour blue symbolizes faith, peace, calm and tranquillity that we pray for in our lives.

Next Friday, as part of our Lenten Journey, we invite pupils to wear the colour green if possible, as part of their own clothes. This colour symbolizes hope, growth and renewal. A monetary donation is not necessary, but if you feel able to this will go towards the St Joseph's Penny Collection. Thank you.



#### **Parent Governor Elections**

A reminder from the letter earlier this week that we currently have two vacancies on our School Governing Body for Parent Governors. If you are interested in this important role, please see the previous letter and additional information that can be found on the school website under the Governors tab. There you will find the nomination form to be completed and returned to school by noon Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to speak to myself [Mr Sutton] or arrange an appointment to do so.



#### **Breakfast Club**

Please can we remind all parents/carers that your child must have a place booked on Breakfast Club via the school app before they arrive to Breakfast Club. We cannot accept children to Breakfast Club without a prior booking as we have a strict ratio of staff to children which we need to adhere to. A place for your child is not guaranteed without a booking and we will refuse entry if a booking has not been made in advance and the club is full.

Many thanks for your understanding.



#### Friends of St Margaret Mary 's Movie Nights

Friends of St Margaret Mary's would like to offer a movie night for all children.

Each year group will have the opportunity to vote for the movie they would like to see. The movie

with the most votes will be the one shown on your child's movie slot.

Admission £3.00 per child - This includes snack, drink and a movie Payments can be made via the school gateway app.

Monday 7th April 3.15pm – 4.00pm Nursery and Reception Monday 7th April 3.15pm – 4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Wednesday 9th April 3.15pm – 4.00pm Years 1 and 2 Wednesday 9th April 3.15pm – 4.30pm Years 3 and 4

Please note that some of the movies the children will be voting for are rated PG – Parental Guidance, therefore parental consent will be gained by your choice of booking.

We hope to see you there! Friends of St Margaret Mary's





Nursery have been exploring and discussing the meaning of the pilgrims of hope logo. We have made our own to celebrate the Jubilee Year



2M have been taking part in a class reflection as we explored what is special about the jubilee year and how we can all be 'Pilgrims of Hope'



3S coded their microbits and used it to measure sound, light and temperature of different areas



3/4D have been learning to sew and focused on using a running stitch, cross stitch and appliqué



4C have been creating fact files all about plants and how they adapt in different environments







5C are loving our new guided reading book "The Boy With Wings" by Lenny Henry









#### London Trip: Shout out for Science

A group of Year 6 children visited London alongside SEERIH (Science and Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub from the University of Manchester) to share their learning with different science organisations and learn about jobs within the field of science.

The children spoke about their learning with confidence and asked insightful questions. The children visited the Houses of Parliament and had the opportunity to meet Bury MP, James Frith. During the visit, they shared letters they had prepared and were able to learn more about the job of an MP. The children visited Downing Street and had the unique experience of standing on the doorstep of 10 Downing Street.

Throughout the day, the children visited lots of places, spoke to lots of different people and we are very proud of the children and how they represented our school family. A special thanks to Miss Dobie and Miss Handrick, who coordinated and accompanied the pupils on the visit.



Well done everyone!



Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...





Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'faith-filled and hopeful' this week...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars this week! Keep up the good work!





Congratulations to our "Rollama" SPAG winners this week! Keep up the excellent work!





## 5C are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.5% attendance!

<b>Nur W</b>	<b>Nur/RecW</b>	<b>RecK</b>	<b>1T</b>	<b>1/2H</b>	<b>2M</b>
94.6%	91.7%	92.7%	95.9%	98.3%	94.3%
<b>3S</b>	<b>3/4D</b>	<b>4C</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5J</b>	<b>6G</b>
97.7%	97.6%	95%	99.5%	96.5%	94.5%
<b>6W</b> 97.3%					

# **Dates to remember**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Easter

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens at 8.45am

# IMPORTANT dates to remember

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr. Sutton

Headteacher

