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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (12)  **MASS**  We will be all going to Mass on Thursday 28th March, at 9.30pm. Please do join us if you are able to.  **PARENTS AFTERNOON**  Parents are invited into school on Monday, 25th March from 3.30pm until 5.30pm to discuss their child’s progress in school. Please call the school office to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if you have not done so already.  **HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  On Tuesday, 26th March, years 4 and 5 will take part in a tournament with other primary schools from our cluster at Longridge High School. We wish them lots of luck and hope they enjoy the experience. They need to come to school in warm outdoor clothes, trainers with a gum shield please. We will provide hockey sticks and shin pads (unless they want to use their own)  **EASTER EGG HUNT**  We will be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds on Thursday, 28th March. The Easter Chicken will hopefully make an appearance as well. If you are able to donate some small chocolate eggs for the Easter Bunny to hide, that would be amazing. Thankyou in advance!!  **RED NOSE DAY / COMIC RELIEF**  Thankyou for supporting this cause last Friday. You raised just over £60 which is wonderful. We will get it sent off to Comic Relief.  **A red square with white text  Description automatically generated** | | 18th March 2024 | |
| SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT  We come together as Saint Mary’s family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  **FRIENDS OF ST. MARY’S**  Thankyou to our PTFA, Friend’ of St. Mary’s who have organised and paid for our school fascia’s to be cleaned. It is looking much better already. They also provided some toys and play equipment for pre-school. We are very grateful for all they do to support our school. Thankyou also to all our parents for supporting the PTFA. It does go back into school.  **LENTEN LUNCH AND ACTIVITIES**  In preparation for Easter, we would like to invite one family member to join their children for lunch on Wednesday 27th March.  Letters have been sent home soon. Please do send back if you haven’t done so already. We will send out a list reminding you of your booking soon! Also, don’t forget our Easter Garden and Decorated Egg competitions. They will be a prize for every entry brought in and then an overall class prize for the most creative garden and egg – but it must be the children’s work (with a little help if needed) | |  | |
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Dates for your diary……

Open the Book – Chipping Churches Together – 19th March

Reception and Year 6 height and weight check with NHS – Mon, 25th March

Hockey Tournament for yrs. 4/5/6 – 26th March

Lenten Lunch/Decorated Egg/Easter Garden competitions – 27th March

Maundy Thursday Mass – 28th March 9.30am

School closes for the Easter holidays – 28th March

Easter Garden Competition – 27th March

Making an Easter garden is a lovely Christian tradition and a creative way to retell the

Easter story. Try making a garden to recreate the morning when Christians believe Jesus came back to life. You’ll need a tray, with a flowerpot (or something similar) on its side for the cave, a stone for the entrance to the tomb, some grass or moss and flowers. Christians usually add a cross made of twigs. You could add people too if you wanted. There are lots of pictures on the Internet to give you some ideas.

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Decorated Egg Competition – 27th March

Egg decorating has been a popular art form throughout history because of the attractive, smooth, oval shape of the egg, and the ancient associations with eggs as a religious and cultural symbol. Egg decorating has been associated with Easter in recent times, but was practiced independently by many ancient cultures. Eggs can be painted, dyed or covered with material. They can even be characters from a story. It’s up to you to get creative- just don’t forget to boil them first!!