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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (11)**RECONCILLIATION MASS**We will be all going to Mass on Thursday morning at 9.30am this week. It will be a special Mass for those children who are embarking on their Sacrament of Holy Communion. The children will be given the opportunity to make their First Confession after Mass. The children will be welcomed by the priest in the name of Jesus and the Christian community. Children view this sacrament of forgiveness and grace in more complete ways when they talk about preparing for **First Penance or First Reconciliation**, the terms we usually use instead of First Confession. **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. **MINI SKILLS AND HOCKEY SKILLS**A group of children took part in a mini skills competition at West View Leisure Centre and brought away third prize. Well done to the team. Another group of children took part in a hockey skills challenge at Longridge High School and did themselves proud. On Tuesday, 26th March, they will take part in a tournament with other primary schools from our cluster.       | 4th March 2024 |
|  SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENTWe come together as Saint Mary’s family, to learn, share our faith and do our best, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.**WORLD BOOK DAY – WED 6TH MARCH** We celebrate World Book Day this Wednesday, 6th March. Our theme this year is Harry Potter and we will taking part in lots of activities linked to the books throughout the day. Photos to follow. **GOVERNORS MEETING**Our governing body will be meeting in school on Wednesday evening at 7pm for the Spring Full Governors meeting. **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 will be sent home soon to ascertain numbers. We will also be holding an Easter Garden competition and a decorated Egg competition. The children can take part in one or both – it’s up to them. More details to follow. |   |
| Whats Happening? | 4th March 2024 |

Dates for your diary……

Work experience students in school this week – 4th March

Full Governors Meeting in School – Wed, 6th March, 7pm

Mass in Church – Thursday, 7th March

World Book Day – Wednesday, 6th March – changed from the 7th(Harry Potter theme this year)

Building Resilience for yrs. 4/5/6 with Family and Well-Being Service – 1st and 8th March

Reception Assembly in the hall at 2.45pm – Friday, 8th March

Years 1/2/3 assembly in the hall at 2.45pm – Friday, 15th March

Open the Book – Chipping Churches Together – 19th March

Red Nose Day – 15th March (non-uniform for a money donation to be sent to Comic Relief)

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