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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (9)**CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**Children's Mental Health Week will take place from **5 to 11 February 2024**, with the theme of ‘My Voice Matters’. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. We will be talking about this very important subject during the week, encouraging the children to talk about what matters to them and what makes them feel proud focusing on their own self-esteem and self-belief. We will focus on resilience and perseverance and the ability to keep going when things are tough. Please can you support this important work by continuing the talks at home. **VISIT TO STONYHURST**Mrs. Tallentire will be taking her class to Stonyhurst this week to learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. They will be back at school for lunch time. Please ensure the children are in on time ready to leave straight after registration. **SWIMMING LESSONS**Year 2 will be going swimming this half term. Please can you ensure that the children have their swimming bags in school on Friday. Also, if PE kits haven’t been returned, please send them in ASAP. PE is on Monay afternoons.      | 5th February 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.**VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**Thankyou to all our parents for sending back the forms giving permission for their children to travel down to London on Wednesday, the 7th of February. We are very excited to go and all plans are in place. Please ensure that the children have something to eat for breakfast and lunch and we will get them something for tea. We will keep in touch throughout the day via our WhatsApp group that has been created. **NON-UNIFORM DAY**The PTFA, FOSM have asked if we can have a non-uniform day this Friday, 9th February, to collect bottles and chocolates for the food bingo that will be run on February 24th at the village hall. Thankyou for your support in advance.  |   |
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Dates for your diary……

Children’s Mental Health Week – week beginning 5th February

Visit to Parliament for years 4/5/6 – 7th February

Mass in Church – Thursday, 8th February, 9.30am

Non-uniform day in school for prizes for the PTFA run bingo – 9th February

School closes for half term holiday – Friday, 9th February

School opens for 2nd half term – Monday, 19th February

‘Open The Book’ Chipping Churches Together into school – 20th February

Governors committee meetings – Wednesday, 21st February at 5.30pm

Little Voices Drama group in to work with yrs. 4/5/6 – 22nd February

Yrs. 1/2/3 to Brockholes for the day (TBC) – 22nd February

Bingo in the village hall for St. Mary’s - 24th February

Hockey skills and tournament at Longridge High School – 27th February(Miss Doherty’s class)

3rd Sacramental Programme Meeting in School for children and parents – 29th Feb, 3.30pm

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 – Thursday, 7th March (Harry Potter theme this year)

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

Maundy Thursday Mass – 28th March 9.30am

Enterprise Day in school – more details to follow – 28th March

School closes for the Easter holidays – 28th March