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| St. Mary’s Primary and Pre-school Newsletter (11) | | 24th February 2025 | |
| 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.  **WELCOME BACK**  Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. It was lovely to see all the children returning to school looking very smart and ready to learn. We still do have some families arriving late for the beginning of the day. School starts at 8.45am. Please can you ensure that your child/ren are in school for then ready to start. Registration is taken as soon as the children come into school, so it is important that they are there for that and ready to begin the day on time.  **LENT**  We are now approaching the beginning of Lent as we head towards Easter. What does it mean for us? Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline. | | There are many foods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy, such as cakes or chocolate.  Shrove Tuesday  In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as Pancake Day. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.  Ash Wednesday  On Ash Wednesday many Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong-doing.  Lenten Boxes  The school council have asked if we can up Lenton boxes to hand out to our community as we did for Harvest. If your child would like to take part, then they are able to come to school on Friday in non-uniform if they are able to bring in dry goods to go into a Lenton box such as biscuits, tins, pasta, rice etc. Thankyou in anticipation. | |
| What’s Happening? | | 24th February 2025 | |

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

It is World Book Day, next week on Thursday, 6th March. As always, we invite all our children to come to school, dressed as their favourite book character. We will doing lots of lovely reading activities during the day and if anyone would like to come in to read a story or two to the children, please do let us know.

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Dates for your diary……

Mass in Church - Thursday, 6th March, 3rd April at 9.30am

School Council Meetings – 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April

Non- uniform on Friday, 28th February in return for Lenten donations

Governors meeting in school – 19th March at 5.30pm

Open the book – 25th February at 9.30am

Swimming every Friday for year 4 for this half term

Year 4 /5 Story Telling presentation in the hall at 2.30pm on Friday, 4th April

Break up for Easter holidays – Friday 4th April

