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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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PTA 'Break the Rules' Day – Today, Mr Ballard and the teachers allowed the children to break up to 7 school rules! They were fined 50p for each one broken with the money going to PTA funds. The children had great fun and so far, £229 has been raised! Please pay 'fines' as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies – The PTA are in the process of ordering hoodies for the Year 6 leavers. They are asking for a £7.00 contribution paid via ParentPay and they also need to know your child's size, which can be submitted on School Spider. Please pay and select the size by next Thursday.

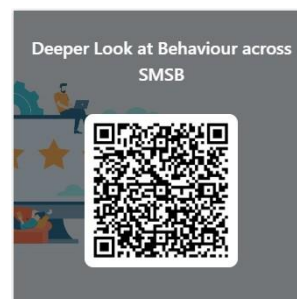
PTA Annual General Meeting – We would like to give notice that a general meeting of the PTA has been organised to take place in school on Friday 19th April at 4:30pm. All parents and carers of children who attend St Mary's & St Benedict's are automatically members and during the meeting committee members will be elected. Refreshments will be provided and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Palm Sunday - This weekend we begin Holy Week, a very special time in our church's year and it begins with the Palm Sunday Celebration in church at 9:30am. We hope that families will give their support and the children will take part in the procession of Palms at the beginning and end of Mass.



St Joseph's Penny – This year we are raising money for St Joseph's Penny on Wednesday 27th March. St Joseph's Penny is a Caritas charity caring for the homeless and the needy, and children in catholic schools all over the diocese raise money during Lent for this worthwhile cause. Children will be arranging fundraising activities within their class and we ask that they bring in £1.00 (or more if you wish).

Behaviour Survey – Following results from the Pupil Voice Questionnaire, we are asking children from Benedict class upwards to access a Behaviour Survey. We are hoping for an honest and thorough set of responses. The survey will remain open until the Easter holidays. <https://forms.office.com/e/zJWw27X25w?origin=lprLink>, or use the QR link.



'Easter' Themed Lunch – Lancashire School Catering Service are offering an 'Easter' themed lunch on Thursday 27th March. It will consist of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding, Peter Rabbit's Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. The dessert will be Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail Chocolate Cornflake Nests.

If your child would like to join in the fun and they don't currently have school meals, please order and pay for the meal on ParentPay. If your child is in Beesley, Benedict, Finch or Haydock class there will be no charge and there is also no charge for children in the junior classes who are entitled to free school meals.



Easter Activity Clubs - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs on Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3rd April, Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April. Children can attend any session (which run from 9:00am until 3:00pm) and will need to bring a packed lunch. Each day a member of staff, either Mr Ballard or Julia, will also be on site.



Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £11.00 per child per day or £40.00 for all four days. Please book via ParentPay.

If you wish your child to attend but have yet to pay, please let school know as soon as possible, as places are limited.

Community Larder - Please continue to support our local food bank by bringing into school an item of food each week. The Community Larder is situated at the back of St Aidan's Church Hall, on Station Road, and provides food and support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton-le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. It is open Monday - Friday 9:30am - 11:30am and is dependent upon food donations from local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.



Please remember we break up at 1:30 next Thursday for the Easter holidays