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## St Mary's Catholic Primary Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

### Professional Development Day

We have a PD day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
Children will return to school on Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Keeping children safe update

##### Whatsapp Use



Many of our children are now using Whatsapp (a few are using Snapchat) despite being underage to do so. Some of our children find themselves in chats and report feeling overwhelmed by the notifications, the volume of content posted, and pressure from others to respond amongst other more complex issues. Like with any social media app, it isn't possible to control what other people choose to share online. What is funny to one person, may cause upset to another, and content

may be misinterpreted. Registering an account on behalf of someone who is underage is also a violation of their terms. If your underage child has created a WhatsApp account without your knowledge, please show them how to delete it. Let your child know that they can always come to you for help and support if they see anything that concerns, upsets, or confuses them online. Open dialogue is key. Encouraging your

child to discuss what they enjoy about a specific app can be a helpful bridge to talking about safety messages and more difficult issues in the future.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The children had an amazing time on our Easter Egg Hunt again this year. They were so beautiful too – sharing their finds with children who had less than them. It was really magical to watch. Thank you for your donations. We had approximately 70 eggs donated this year. Your generosity is much appreciated.



### **School Photographs**

We have had confirmation from Braiswick Photography that they are extending our order/payment date to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of April, can we kindly ask that you bring all orders along with payment to the school office by this date.

### Pop, Lucozade and PRIME bottles

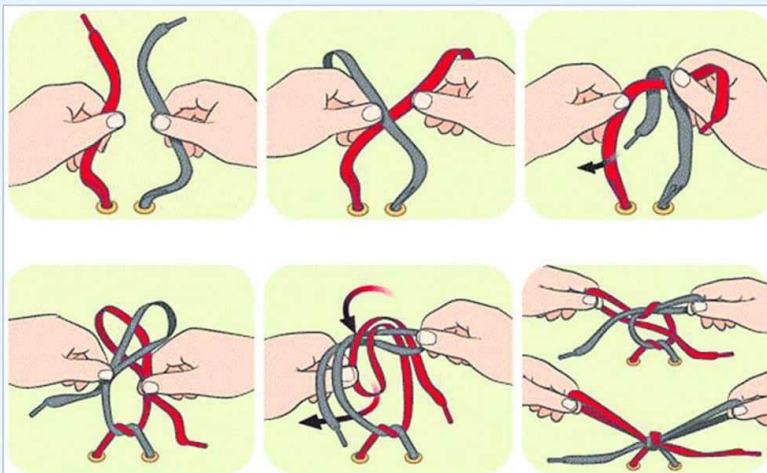


Could we please ask that children do not bring water and squash in PRIME, Lucozade, energy drink or coke bottles. We do not want to share the message that PRIME, energy drinks or fizzy drinks are acceptable. Children are free to enjoy as much water or sugar-free squash as they would like at school.

### Tying Laces Challenge

We have children across school that could benefit from taking-up this challenge. Here is the Bunny Ears Method to help them:

#### **The Bunny Ears Method**



Bunny ears, bunny ears, playing by a tree. Criss-crossed the tree, trying to catch me. Bunny ears, bunny ears, jumped into the hole, popped out the other side beautiful and bold.

### Monies Owing

Please pay any monies outstanding for Breakfast Club by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Thank you.

## The Easter Story

Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus.

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. While He lived on earth, Jesus did many wonderful things. He made sick people well. He showed them how to be kind to each other and love one another. He taught God's truth to everyone He met, and He forgave the bad things people did to Him and each other. But the best thing Jesus ever did was die on the cross to save us from our sins.

All His friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed He was God's Son. But other people hated Jesus. They didn't like to hear the truth He shared because they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt Jesus and make Him go away.

After Jesus ate supper with His disciples one evening, He went into the garden to pray. The men who didn't like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him. The soldiers hurt Jesus and sent Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed Him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus's disciples were very sad that they could not see Jesus anymore. On the third

day after His death, some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

His friends were scared and sad because they didn't know what had happened to Jesus's body. But then an angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! And He never died again. He is still alive today!

