

# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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This week has been assessment week in school. Lots of the children have been working hard producing work and doing tests to help teachers get an even better idea of where they are up to in their learning. We have also been getting to grips with democracy through assemblies hosted by our Acting Deputy Head, Miss Poole. Children have been voting their peers into different roles in their classes.

## THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Classes have elected their Faith Friends this week. These are representatives from each class that will help lead prayer and worship in classes and across school. They will also have a big hand in promoting positive attitudes and care for other people in a variety of different ways. The Key Stage 2 Faith Friends will take part in a fun day led by Joe Hopkins, the lay chaplain for the St Ralph Sherwin Trust, on Tuesday 16 October. This day will end in a special assembly that the Faith Friends and Guiding Lights will lead at 2.30 pm in the school hall. Parents and guardians are invited to come along.

- Sacramental Programme 2018-19: Children in Y3 (and older) are eligible to join their parish's course toward making their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. St Mary's parish link is Jenny McGuinness and Holy Spirit's link is Anna Ashton: call into the school office if you don't know these lovely ladies and we will point you in the right direction! Forms can be found at the back of each church and will need to be completed ASAP. The St Mary's course begins after half term: there is a meeting for parents after the 11.15 Mass on Sunday 14 October. We wish all First Communicants well at this exciting time as they further their sacramental journey.

## WELLSPRING HOMELESS CHARITY DONATIONS

Thank you for your kind donations to the Wellspring. It is heart-warming to see the children carrying their tins, bags and boxes of donations up to the office and knowing that they are becoming aware of ways in which they can help those in need. The donations will be collected today.

## HIGH SCHOOL VISITS FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 AND 6

Harrytown High School, our feeder school are making bookings with parents who would like to visit the school over the coming weeks. If you couldn't make the open evening or would like to see the school in action during the day, use the 'Contact Us' form on their website to make a request. <http://www.harrytownschool.org/>

## STOCKPORT BOOK AWARDS

Not content with picking up a clutch of awards for sport provision recently, our fantastic team of pupils, parents and staff have achieved more success at Stockport Book Awards. We gained a number of prizes, not least the Summer Reading Challenge Cup, which we have won for the third successive year. That is an incredible achievement and one that we can all be proud of. Reading regularly at home has a huge impact on a child's success in school. As the saying goes, 'A child that reads is a child that succeeds.' Please continue to read regularly with your child, at least three times a week. Even as your child gets older, having them read to you or talking to them about what they are reading has an enormous impact.

## EARLY YEARS DROP IN AND CURRICULUM EVENING

Mrs Bradbury hosted a wonderful evening for parents and carers of children in Reception on Wednesday. She talked us through the curriculum and presented some phonics information. I know some of the dads made progress on how they say their phonic sounds after watching the video that the staff had made. The children in Reception are working with a fabulous team of adults every day, so many thanks to Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Lawrenson, Mrs McSwity and Mrs Towell for making the start to the year in Reception such a successful one.

On **Wednesday 10 October**, there will be an opportunity for parents and carers of children in Nursery to meet staff and have a look around the classroom. Between 3:15 - 5:00 pm, Mrs Finney and the team will be hosting a drop-in session which they will also use as an opportunity to launch our new story sacks. Please feel free to call in at any time during the session. We will be glad to see you.

## ST MARY'S PTA AND FAMILY SOCIAL AND CINEMA ST MARY

The SOLD OUT Family Social takes place this evening. What a fantastic take up we have had for that! Thank you for your support. Cinema St Mary tickets have also been flying out. There seems to be a lot going on at the moment.

## CAR PARKING

Once again, can we make a polite request that you are mindful of the safety of the children and of our neighbours when parking at drop-off and pickup time? Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## PRIMARY FRENCH PROJECT

Our involvement in the Erasmus Primary French Project continues this academic year. Another two members of staff have flown off to Carcassonne today. While they are there, they will be studying French in language classes, finding out about different strategies to teach French in school and visiting our partner school near Toulouse. It is an incredibly exciting opportunity for us. Well done to Mrs Wilde for getting the school buzzing about French.

## HEAD LICE

We are still receiving new cases each week, even though letters have been sent out across the school. Could we ask you to be vigilant in examining your child's hair and if treatment is required please follow the advice at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
<b>Fri 5 Oct</b>	St Mary's PTA Family Social: school hall, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Tickets available in school.
<b>Mon 8 Oct</b>	Cinema St Mary. In school 3.30 – 5.30 pm
<b>Wed 10 Oct</b>	Nursery drop-in and launch of story sacks 3:30 – 5:00 pm
<b>Fri 19 Oct</b>	Year 6 Fire Service session Last day of half term
<b>Mon 29 Oct</b>	Back to school
<b>Wed 31 Oct</b>	Sponsored Bounce
<b>Thu 1 Nov</b>	PTA Meeting at the Crown, 7.30 pm start
<b>Wed 7 Nov</b>	Individual and family group photographs – all children will have pictures with siblings and also individually
<b>12 – 16 Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Wed 7 &amp; 14 Nov</b>	Parent/ Teacher consultations
<b>Thu 22 Nov</b>	PTA Christmas Shopping Night: school hall, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
<b>Sat 1 Dec</b>	Marple Bridge Association's Winter Wonderland
<b>Fri 7 Dec</b>	PTA Christmas Fair: in school, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
<b>Wed 12 Dec</b>	Nursery and Reception Nativity 10 am and 2 pm
<b>Tue 18 Dec</b>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10 am and 2 pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A parent has kindly offered an upright Piano free to a good home, you will need to arrange collection. Contact the School Office for further details.

**Marple Fun Palace** Your local library is turning into a fun palace on Saturday 6 October from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. At Marple Library, you can make super slime and do origami. You can also do wild crafts, explore dream boxes and take part in a virtual reality experience! There are also fun palaces at Stockport Central Library, The Heaton's Library and Reddish Library.

**Explore The New Relief Road** On Sunday 7 October from 11 am to 3 pm, there is an opportunity to enjoy a day of community and sporting activities on the new A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road before it opens to traffic. Events include: British Cycling 'Let's Ride', wheelchair racing, cycle skills and maintenance sessions and games and activities for all ages. <http://www.semmms.info/>

**Centre Stage Academy of Dance Marple** is held every Tues at St Martins Church Brabyns Brow Kids Street Dance (6+) and (10+) Kids Aerial Hoop and Adults Aerial Hoop. Book online at [www.centrestage-dance.com](http://www.centrestage-dance.com) or tel: 07870 975195.