

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Last night was the Year 7 mass at Harrytown. Mrs Boucher, Mrs Young and Mr Murphy attended to share this special occasion. It was wonderful to see some of last year's pupils there and also to see some older pupils that have been through St Mary's over the years there to support the mass.

Our newly elected KS2 Faith Friends and Guiding Lights have something to look forward to Tuesday with the visit of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust's lay chaplain. He is going to work with them all day on Tuesday, doing fun activities and helping them to plan some activities for the year. There will be a special assembly at 14:30, which will be open to parents and carers.

- 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.

WRITERS OF THE WEEK

One of our areas for development in school is writing. With this in mind, every class is choosing a writer of the week. The work of one writer from each class is displayed in the school hall for everyone to see. When new work is ready to go up, previously displayed work goes up to a special file in the office which you will be able to see if you are ever in the school office.

POLY-TUNNEL OFFICIAL OPENING

On Wednesday 17 October, we have the official opening of the new poly-tunnel. We will be cutting the ribbon in the afternoon with some pupil representatives and associated dignitaries. Families are warmly welcomed to visit the poly-tunnel after school to have a look at what all of your hard-work and fund-raising went in to.

CAR PARKING

Please drive and park with due caution in the streets around school. Can we ask that you do not park or attempt to park on Lowry Drive. The school gates are closed around drop-off and pick-up, so there isn't a place to safely turn around. We have witnessed cars and vans doing three point turns on Lowry Drive and reversing all the way back out. These are not safe manoeuvres to undertake around a busy primary school. Even if it means that families have to park further away, we ask that your primary thought is the safety of all of the children and adults in our school community. Thank you.

ST MARY'S YEAR 2 DADS V LUDWORTH DADS

Some of our dads are playing a football match against dads from Ludworth on Sunday 14 October. The match is being held at Woodley Sports Centre, kick off 16:00 and spectators are most welcome. This match is primarily a community event but will also help to raise funds towards current School/ PTA projects – equipment for the bottom playground. Children have been collecting money in school today after assembly.

CHANGE OF INSET DAY

Remember, there has been a change to our INSET days this year. Children are in school on Friday 19 October. This INSET has been moved to Friday 30 November.

STOCKPORT DAY OF ACTION – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018

Stockport Schools have faced per-pupil spending cuts of 8% since 2010. Some schools are now facing the prospect of redundancies to balance the budget, the situation is worsening, and this is having a detrimental effect on our children's education. Stockport schools are coordinating a day of action, asking parents and carers to register their concerns with their local MP. At St Mary's we support this action and ask you to contact William Wragg, MP to register any concern that you have about falling funding for pupils in our schools.

William Wragg (Contact details: 13 Stockport Road, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6BD; Tel: 0161 427 0660; Email: william@williamwragg.org.uk).

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Please sign and return the agreements to school. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please notify the school office if any contact details or medical conditions change. Thank you

FLU IMMUNISATION

For those parents that have agreed, Flu Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 8 November from 13:00.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

We are participating in the Christmas card project with Art Projects for schools. The children are creating artwork in school which will be returned to you by Friday 19 October. Please remember you will need to place your orders online to order online at www.apfs.org.uk by our School Deadline date 31 October 2018.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
Tue 16 Oct	Guiding Lights and KS2 Faith Friends chaplaincy day followed by assembly open to parents at 14:30
Wed 17 Oct	Poly-tunnel official opening
Fri 19 Oct	Year 6 Fire Service session Last day of half term
Mon 29 Oct	Back to school
Wed 31 Oct	Sponsored Bounce
Thurs 1 Nov	PTA Meeting at the Crown, 19:30 start
Wed 7 Nov	Individual and family group photographs – all children will have pictures with siblings and also individually
Thurs 8 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
12 – 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 7 & 14 Nov	Parent/ Teacher consultations
Thurs 22 Nov	PTA Christmas Shopping Night: school hall, 17:00 – 21:00
Fri 30 Nov	Staff INSET
Sat 1 Dec	Marple Bridge Association's Winter Wonderland
Fri 7 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair: in school, 15:30 – 17:30
Wed 12 Dec	Nursery and Reception Nativity 10:00 and 14:00
Tue 18 Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10:00 and 14:00

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 or tel: 07870 975195.

Mellor Junior Lacrosse Club are one of the UK's leading teams. There are plenty of opportunities to try this exciting game, contact Martin Mochan (Junior Boys Section Lead) mellorboyslax@gmail.com or Jo Noble (Junior Girls Section Lead) mellorgirlslax@gmail.com