



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, we had Joe Hopkins in from St Ralph Sherwin CMAT to lead the Guiding Lights and Faith Friends in some activities that explored the faith life of our school. Father Bill from Holy Spirit came in at lunch time and enjoyed chatting to the children. He'll be back again after half term. In the afternoon, they planned and delivered a whole school assembly about community. We even learned a fun, new hymn. We're looking forward to have Joe back to work in classes after half term as well.

POLY-TUNNEL OFFICIAL OPENING

On Wednesday 17 October, we had the official opening of the poly-tunnel. Year 6 Green Force delivered a cracking speech and our Rights Respecting School Councillors came out to be presented with their badges by Mrs Boucher. Mr McClafferty from St Ralph Sherwin CMAT came to cut the ribbon and declare the greenhouse open. He was very impressed with the greenhouse, our fantastic children and the levels of parental support we receive from all of you at St Mary's.

CAR PARKING

Mrs Young has started to go out in the morning and after school to help monitor levels of safety around school when lots of people are parking. You will see her out and about in her high-vis jacket. We are grateful to parents and other adults that ferry children to and from school for parking in a safe and courteous place, preferably not on Lowry Drive, even if it means walking a little bit extra.

ST MARY'S YEAR 2 DADS V LUDWORTH DADS

It sounds like a great match took place in Woodley last weekend. The score ended 4-3 to Ludworth, but I believe the St Mary's dads showed a positive growth mindset at half time to fight back from three goals down. The match was organised to make money for PTA funds. Thanks to those dads and to those of you who contributed to the bucket after assembly last week.

FOREST SCHOOL

Year 5 have started Forest School this year under the expert guidance of Mrs Rushton. They do lots of exciting things like building dens, campfires and all sorts of other outside learning. Mrs Rushton would like to refurbish the logs in the seating area in the dell. If anyone has any trees that have come down, we would like them. Contact the office to make arrangements.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided by the Department for Education to enhance the education of children from low-income families who are eligible for certain benefits, who were eligible for free school meals, children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Was your adopted child formally a 'looked after child' and adopted on or after 30 December 2005?

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991.

The Pupil Premium is to help schools raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap with their peers. It is paid to schools in respect of disadvantaged pupils in Reception to Year 11. The Government has extended the coverage of the Pupil Premium in recognition of the experiences many adopted children have endured in their early lives and a realisation that their needs do not change overnight.

Pupil Premium – What you need to do

To enable your child's school to claim Pupil Premium, you will need to inform the school about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. You will need to self-declare before 17 January 2019 which is the date schools complete the annual School Census. This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium to the school from April 2019

In the 2018 to 2019 financial year, school will receive the following funding:

- £1,320 for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years for pupils in reception year to year 6;
- £2,300 for each pupil who is Looked-after, defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority. The same amount will be given to each pupil who, in the spring school census, is identified as having left local authority care because of 1 of the following: adoption; a special guardianship order; a child arrangements order; a residence order
- £300 per pupil will be received for Pupils in reception to year 6 if they meet the following criteria: one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces; they have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point since 2011; one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme; pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service are classed as service children.

We are committed as a school to ensure that this money is spent to significant effect. Please email headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk or telephone Mr Murphy on 0161 427 7498 should you wish to discuss this further. All declarations and information received will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

WOOWIND LESSONS

When we return after the half term break, Mr Collins will be changing his music lesson from Friday to Thursday mornings. They will begin 1 November. Please remember your instruments.

CHANGE OF INSET DAY

We have been in school today, obviously. There is an INSET day on 30 November.

ADMISSIONS

www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions

NURSERY

Consideration for January 2019 start: Birth dates between 1 Sept 2015 - 31 Dec 2015, Closing date **31 Oct 2018**

Consideration for April 2019 start: Birth dates between 1 Sept 2015 - 31 Mar 2016: closing date **15 Feb 2019**

September 2019 start: 1 Sept 2015 - 31 August 2016: closing date **31 March 2019**

RECEPTION

For children born between 1 Sept 2014 - 3 Aug 2015: closing date **15 Jan 2019**

SECONDARY

For children born between 1 Sept 2007 - 31 Aug 2008: closing date **31 Oct 2018**

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

These went out last week. 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 1pm.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

We have a revised timetable, the artwork will be returned 29 October and Art Projects are extending the ordering date to 7 November www.apfs.org.uk

*We wish all our children and their families
a wonderful half term break;
Everyone deserves it!*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
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	Woodwind Lessons will take place on Thursdays.
Thurs 1 Nov	PTA Meeting at the Crown, 7:30 pm 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, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Fri 30 Nov	Staff INSET
Sat 1 Dec	Marple Bridge Association's Winter Wonderland
Fri 7 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair: in school, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Wed 12 Dec	Nursery and Reception Nativity 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
Tue 18 Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

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

PIPS: Parents in Partnership Stockport provide signposting, information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs. It is Stockport's official parent and carer forum. They host lots of events, training and workshops. Have a look at www.pipstockport.org or contact info@pipstockport.org for more information.