



### THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week has been annual Anti-Bullying Week across the country. This week's theme has been 'Choose Respect', which fits in brilliantly with other work that we have been doing this year. In assemblies and during lessons in class, we have been thinking about what respect means: self-respect and respect for others. The week started with Odd Sock Day. We talked about how we should respect each other's differences. We want to be an ever more respectful school and will continue this work in the coming weeks. There will be a new anti-bullying policy and some further information for pupils and parents.

Anti-Bullying Week 2018:  
Choose Respect  
Primary Assembly



- Our Travelling Cribs will start their journey during the week beginning Monday 26 November. Each pack contains a set of beautiful wooden figures, and additional items, to enable every family in our school to have an overnight visit from the Holy Family. Please make time to enjoy this experience, whichever day you receive the Travelling Crib, and send the pack back to school the next day, so that everyone has a turn and can be included.

Please remember Fr John in your daily prayers.

### CHRISTMAS 2018

Please return your responses noting your child's availability for Christmas events.

- KS1 are singing in Marple Bridge at Winter Wonderland: everyone will meet at the stage and parents will stay for the event.
- KS2 are singing at a number of venues. Please return your sheet ASAP.

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last Friday, we held our first council meeting. They have had other duties so far this year in the greenhouse opening and providing pupil voice to one of our governors, but this was our first full meeting. They have quite a few jobs to do before the next meeting: find out from classes about what to spend Bounce money on; collect ideas for a new school charter and the small job of running an election.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We have now hosted two successful parents' evenings. Thank you for your feedback on our updated forms and for the kind comments about the atmosphere in school on both evenings.

### SAFEGUARDING

We have had some instances where children have arrived at school alone. Children must be accompanied by an adult if they arrive at school before 8.45am. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### STAFF INSET

Please may I draw your attention once again to the staff INSET on Friday 30 November? School will be closed to pupils on this day.

### ST MARY'S DADS V LUDWORTH DADS

Not dwelling on the result but following on from the inaugural match against Ludworth, we would like to offer a huge Thank You! To our Dads who have raised an incredible **£600** which will go towards playground equipment including Goal Posts!

## ST RALPH SHERWIN TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Please take a look at the Termly Newsletter giving you all the information and news from the Multi Academy Trust

### MEDICAL MATTERS

When we are aware of certain medical conditions in school, we need to let you know about them. Currently, we have a case of Threadworm. For the latest advice follow <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/>

### PTA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

Next Thursday, we have Christmas shopping night in school. There will be lots of stalls in school for you to purchase festive treats and plenty of refreshments.

### BOUNCE

If you haven't done so already, please return your sponsorship forms and money as soon as you can!

### ART PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards have been delivered to classes, if you haven't received your order please contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
<b>12 – 16 Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Thurs 22 Nov</b>	PTA Christmas Shopping Night: school hall, <b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri 30 Nov</b>	Staff INSET
<b>Sat 1 Dec</b>	Marple Bridge Association's Winter Wonderland
<b>Fri 7 Dec</b>	PTA Christmas Fair: in school, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
<b>Fri 14 Dec</b>	Mr Collins' woodwind pupils will perform during 2.30 pm assembly
<b>Wed 12 Dec</b>	Nursery and Reception Nativity 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
<b>Tue 18 Dec</b>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**St Martin's Low Marple Heritage Trust** will be holding a Children's workshop: Christmas Tree Decorations based on angels at St Martins Parish Hall (behind the church) on Saturday 24 November from 12.00. This is a free event.

**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.

**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](mailto:mellorboyslax@gmail.com) or Jo Noble (Junior Girls Section Lead) [mellorgirlslax@gmail.com](mailto:mellorgirlslax@gmail.com)

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