



### **COLOUR YOUR WORLD WITH KINDNESS**

Wednesday's assembly this week was all about kindness. We watched 'Colour Your World with Kindness' on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rweIE8yyY0U> and all made promises to ourselves to do something kind. We talked about kindness in 'Feeding the Five Thousand' and how sharing food in that story is like us sharing love to make our school and the world a better place.

### **THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

This week has been Judaism Week in school. We have been learning all about what life is like for Jewish people around the world. There has been lots of cooking and eating of special foods going on and the children have been using lots special words relating to the Jewish faith.

Father Bill has been back again. This time, he was invited by Year 6 to talk to them about vocation. He had a great time with the children and we will be happy to see him back again on Wednesday 5 December to celebrate the start of Advent.

Today is Stockport Together in Faith Day. We have sent the Faith Friends to Our Lady and The Apostles Church and Parish Centre to meet up with representatives from other Catholic schools in Stockport for a special day of fun and celebration of our faith. We can't wait to hear about it when they get back.

Our Travelling Cribs will start their journey on 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.

We will be sending cards and other things to Father John in the coming weeks. If you would like to send a Christmas card to him, we will be happy to include it in our post pack. Drop them in at the office.

### **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.

### **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.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mr Stephen Murphy. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Alice Poole. They are available if you ever have any concerns about the well-being of a child. See our safeguarding policy on the website for more information.

### **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.

### **WINTER WONDERLAND**

Winter Wonderland is fast approaching. It is on Saturday 1 December. Our KS1 children will be singing at this event (see Christmas events letter sent out previously). We will be on stage for 20 minutes from 2.45 pm, so we ask to meet in front of the stage from 2.30 pm. Hopefully, you have returned your letters to let us know if you can make it by now.

### **GUIDING LIGHTS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION**

The Year 6 Guiding Lights are running a competition to design the programme covers for the Early Years and the Key Stage 1 Nativity programmes. It is free to enter. Draw your designs on the entry sheets that have gone out this week (or use half of an A4 sheet). Entries should be black and white only and you must include the title.

Nursery and Reception is 'The Nativity' and Year 1 and 2 is 'Hey Ewe'. Closing date is Wednesday 5 December and there will be a nice prize for the winners. Good luck!

### EDUCATION SUMMIT

On Thursday 6 December, there will be a special meeting at Marple Hall to get parents engaged and informed regarding the state of funding for Stockport schools. Stockport is one of the 40 poorest education authorities in the country and there is a growing movement in the authority to petition government to provide better funding for the pupils in our schools. Parents, governors and teachers will be in attendance at the event which is 7– 9 pm.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Will take place on Thursday 13 December. Christmas hats and/or jumpers are allowed, along with usual school uniform. Orders must be placed with the office before Friday 7 Dec. School Dinners are £2.20.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Thank you! We raised an incredible £112.40 which has been donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day-anti-bullying-week-0>

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you! For your continued support with the Scholastic Book Fair which raised £311.65 to be spent on school reading resources.

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

As if they haven't been busy enough running the Christmas Shopping Night this week, the PTA are gearing up for one of the highlights of the school year: the Christmas Fair. There will be Santa's grotto, games, stalls, raffles, prizes and much more. The fun runs from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm on Friday 7 December. The PTA cannot run events without your help. If you spare some time, please email [ptastmarysmarplebridge@gmail.com](mailto:ptastmarysmarplebridge@gmail.com) or contact your class rep. See competition details at the end of the bulletin.

### CLUB 200 NOVEMBER WINNERS

Mike Coupes - £95, Cathal & Emma Maguire - £61, Sarah Groarke-Booth - £34, PTA - £190

### LOST & FOUND

One of our parents found a child's car seat on the corner of Constable Drive. On a separate occasion a ladies ring has been handed in. Please contact the office if you are missing these items.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
Fri 30 Nov	Staff INSET
Sat 1 Dec	Marple Bridge Association's Winter Wonderland
Mon 3 Dec	Teddy Bear Donations
Tues 4 Dec	Secret Gift Room Donations
Tues 4 Dec	St Georges Carol Concert
Wed 5 Dec	Bottle Tombola Donations
Thurs 6 Dec	Cakes & Bakes Donations
Thu 6 Dec	Compstall Lights Switch On
Fri 7 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair: in school, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Thu 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 14 Dec	Mr Collins' woodwind pupils will perform during 2.30 pm assembly
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
Fri 21 Dec	School Closes

### 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)

**St Christopher's Catholic Primary** in Romiley are looking to recruit a manager for their after school club. Application packs are available from the school, on the website or by email on [admin@st-christophers.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-christophers.stockport.sch.uk)



ST MARY'S MARPLE BRIDGE

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

3:15 - 5:30PM

SANTA'S GROTTO

TEDDY TOMBOLA

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

SECRET GIFT ROOM

CAKES & TREATS

GAMES

CRAFTS



Dear Children of St Marys  
Marple Bridge

Last year you designed some  
fantastic new clothes for  
Father Christmas . They are  
so smart and tbn we Elves  
are a bit jealous . Do you  
think this year you could  
design new outfits for us ...  
please ?

We really look forward to  
seeing your designs. Father  
Christmas will decide on our  
new uniform at the  
Christmas fair so please  
bring your design in by Weds  
5th December.

Good Luck

Frisbee the Elf x



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