



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

Our St Ralph Sherwin MAT chaplain has been back in school this week. He has worked with Year 6 and Year 3 looking at different ways to explore their RE topics in Come and See.

One of our classes has been preparing some work to send to Father John to read through to stop him getting bored while he is back in Ireland getting treatment. This time, it has been Year 5's turn. They are producing leaflets all about the Sacrament of Marriage for him to read. We will send a card or two as well.

### **CAR PARKING**

We are trying to get staff out regularly to assist with parking issues around school. I do get emails fairly regularly about parking problems and it is often raised at PTA meetings, so it is pleasing to see that nearly everyone who drives to school parks in a safe place, mindful of the needs of our families and the neighbours. It is never acceptable to park on double yellow lines unless you have special dispensation to do so, even if you have arrived late. We would much rather you came a minute or two later than compromise the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **REMEMBRANCE WEEK**

Thank you for all of the stones that came into school this week. They have been painted and will go home with the children today. Hopefully you can find time to lay them at your local memorial to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. We have also had a special assembly on Monday and the children showed real interest and engagement in this topic. I know it has been a big topic of conversation in homes this week as well.

### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

Next week, it is Anti-Bullying Week. We will be doing lots of special lessons, assemblies and other activities relating to our theme this year which is 'Respect'. On **Monday 12 November**, we will start Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day to celebrate individuality. Wear odd socks for the day and bring in a £1 donation to support the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

### **PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

Please return your orders by Friday 16 November. The photographer will return on Wednesday 5 December to take any pupils absent.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to the parents that came to parents' evening this week for taking the time to complete a feedback form. We value your comments greatly. The next meetings will take place on Wednesday 14 November. If you still need to arrange your appointment please contact the school office to do so.

### **PUPIL SICKNESS GUIDELINES**

If your child is suffering with Diarrhoea or Vomiting, the recommended period to be kept away from Nursery or School is 48 hours from the last episode of Diarrhoea or Vomiting. These guidelines from Public Health England are recommended to prevent the spread of Infection in school. Please also contact the school office to report the absence. Further information can be found on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> and Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

Derbyshire County Council are running a one day course on dyslexia at New Mills Adult Centre on Thursday 15 November. The course fee is £32. Contact 01629 535 020 for more details.

## JOB VACANCY

Sorry for the short notice on this; it hadn't occurred to me to publish this on the bulletin. We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant at the moment. Details can be found here: <https://srscmat.co.uk/vacancies>

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place on Friday 9, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 November from 3.15 - 4.00pm. All welcome!

## BOUNCE

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

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis</b>	
<b>Fri 9, Mon 12, Tues 13 Nov</b>	Scholastic Book Fair – School Hall 3.15-4.00pm
<b>12 – 16 Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Wed 14 Nov</b>	Parent Teacher Consultations
<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

**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)

**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](http://www.pipstockport.org) or contact [info@pipstockport.org](mailto:info@pipstockport.org) for more information.

**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.