



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The Travelling Cribs have made their way up to Year 5. Thank you for helping us give every family a chance to take one home by bringing them back promptly.

We have had our Nursery and Reception Nativity this week. They put on three wonderful performances. Mrs Boucher was glad to host them on Tuesday and we also had a visit from the choir of St Ralph Sherwin Trust Board in the afternoon. Well done to all of the children and staff in our Early Years. Also, a special mention to our flautists from Year 5 and 6 who played live accompaniments to the children's singing.

Next week, we have Year 1 and Year 2 performing 'Hey Ewe'. We've all been singing their songs non-stop, so be prepared to hear some catchy tunes if you are coming to one of their performances on Tuesday.

Year 6 have been singing at Marple Dementia Group's Christmas gathering today. They have sung carols and played their instruments for the group, which is becoming one of our Christmas traditions.

A group of KS2 pupils will be singing as a choir at Holy Spirit on Sunday at 4:00 pm. Pupils attending this event should arrive at the church in school uniform at 3:50 pm so we can be sat down and ready for the start of the performance. Parents stay and watch and join in the singing when they can!

On Friday 21 December, we will be telling the story of the Nativity with carols in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

FRENCH CLUB

This afternoon, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a taster session for Kidslingo French Club. They have taken home a letter about this new club that will be running for those year groups in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

We all enjoyed this year's special Christmas lunch on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Woodward and her team for serving up over two hundred delicious festive lunches. We have seen lots of fantastic Christmas jumpers and headwear too, from the staff as well as the children.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

Year 6 Business Gang have organised for everyone to wear non-uniform on Thursday 20 December. This will be a great way to help celebrate Christmas Party Day on the same day. Business Gang are asking for a £1 donation to the PTA to help fund projects this year.

CAR PARK DISABLED SPACES

If you use the car park at the start or end of the day, or to drop off or collect at Breakfast or Kids Club, please can you make sure that there is adequate disabled space free for families that need to use those specially designated spaces.

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is fully booked almost every session with a waiting list for places – the maximum attendance is set by Ofsted and our insurance is based on this. Ad hoc bookings, therefore, are becoming more difficult to fulfil, so if you know you are not going to use a session please let us know as far in advance as possible. Places must be booked in advance and the child's name on the register for them to attend.

CHARITY

We have received our certificate for this year's poppy appeal – we raised £146.53. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING: WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY

You may have noticed watching television lately that there are a lot of adverts for smart watches that are aimed at children. As many of these new devices have 4G capability, camera and sound capability, we are amending our safeguarding policy to say that these sort of smart watches or other wearable technology with similar capabilities are not permitted to be worn in school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Photographs and recordings of events in school is permitted as it would be considered to be for the parents 'domestic purpose', but we request anyone attending school events and wishing to photograph or record to sign our undertaking disclaimer before doing so.

ADMISSIONS AND TERM DATES CONSULTATION

Please consider responding to the term dates consultation on Stockport's website. You can 'no comment' all of the admissions consultations and go through term dates consultation on the to the last page. You can take part in the consultation here: <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/policy-performance-and-reform/admissions-consultation/>

STOCKPORT SCHOOL BUS PASS CONSULTATION

Stockport Council is consulting on the allocation criteria for school bus passes in September 2019. You can find the consultation document here: <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/policy-performance-and-reform/school-bus-pass-consultation/consultation/subpage.2018-11-29.4384313607/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY <i>Please check for updates on a regular basis</i>	
Sun 16 Dec	Choir singing at Holy Spirit at 4:00 pm
Tue 18 Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
Thu 20 Dec	Christmas party day
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Carols in the school hall from 1:30pm
Fri 21 Dec	School Closes
School reopens on Monday 7 January 2019	
Wed 16 Jan	PTA AGM 7:00 pm in school hall
Fri 15 Feb	INSET – children not in school
Half term - Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019 School reopen Monday 25 February 2019	

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

Stockport Grammar Netball Camp for girls in Year 4/5/6 will run on 18 and 19 February. £25 for one day/ £35 for two days. Application forms are available in the school office or contact goddardl@stockportgrammar.co.uk