



## THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Mrs Finney's prayer club is going strong. The children have made a prayer tree which will be displayed in today's assembly. Year 6's collective worship and Reception and Year 4's visit to church were cancelled due to the snow day on Wednesday. We will try to re-timetable these events in the future. Year 3's Christmas Story book is in the entrance for visitors to read. They have told the story of the Nativity from the point of view of a grumpy camel. You are welcome to come in to have a look.

## SNOW DAY

We had to make the decision to close the school on Wednesday. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, but we do have to make the safety of pupils, staff and the families attending our first priority. We have kept Lowry Drive closed on Thursday and Friday due to the slippery road surfaces. We have gritted the approach to school, but please remember that gritted surfaces can still be hazardous. If the poor weather continues, make sure you take due care on your approach to school.

## DRIVING AND WALKING TO SCHOOL

We were expecting things to get a bit tricky at drop off time on Thursday, due to the bad weather and the staff car park being closed, but we were actually surprised by how calm it was on the roads surrounding school. Can we suggest that whatever arrangements you made on Thursday, whether you parked and walked or walked all the way, that you do it more often?

**HOLIDAY CLUB** is available this half term ... book your places now! (booking forms are on the school website)

## PUNCTUALITY

I know it came as a surprise to many that school starts at 8:55 am. Now that we have cleared that up, we are looking forward to seeing your children's delightful faces ready and eager to learn in the classroom as the register closes and lessons start.

## CURRICULUM COFFEE MORNING

We have begun to review our curriculum and the core values that underpin our school. Parents are invited to attend a consultation session on Monday 4 February at 9:00 am in the school hall. We will look at the mission, vision and what we want our curriculum to look like in the future. This session will be repeated at 6:00 pm on the same day, also in the school hall. Each session will last half an hour. We would love to hear your views.

## YEAR 1 PHONICS AND YEAR 2 SATS INFORMATION EVENING

Miss Poole will be hosting an information session for parents on Wednesday 6 February at 6:00 pm in the Year 1 classroom. There will be a presentation and time for any questions about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which the children will do in June. Also at 6:00 pm on the same evening, Mrs Bramhall will present information about the Key Stage 1 SATs that the children will do in May. Parents are invited to attend to find out about how the assessments work and to find out more information about the expectations that pupils are working to meet in Year 2.

## YEAR 6 SATS AND PGL INFORMATION EVENING

The Year 6 PGL and SATs information evening has been rescheduled for Wednesday 13 February at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

## LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

We have had the Life Caravan here this week. This forms a key part of our PSHE curriculum. The children have learnt about things that keep them healthy and things that can harm their bodies and minds. The classes that were due to have sessions in the caravan on Wednesday will now have them on Monday 4 February.

## NCTSA INFORMATION EVENING

The Nottingham Catholic Teaching School Alliance have places available for Primary and Secondary School Direct Trainees. There is an information evening at St. Mary's in Derby on Tuesday 5 February, from 5 – 7 pm. Contact Vanessa Scott for more information on 0115 982 4280

## SPARE WOOD

Following the removal of the timber playground equipment from the bottom playground, there is wood available free to a good home! It is in a pile by the school gates – please help yourselves, taking great care though when removing it please.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please check for updates on a regular basis*

<b>Tue 5 Feb</b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>Wed 6 Feb</b>	9.05am: Year 3 Collective Worship (parents invited)
<b>Wed 6 Feb</b>	Y1 Phonics and Y2 SATs Information evening
<b>Wed 13 Feb</b>	9.05am: Year 1 Collective Worship (parents invited)
<b>Wed 13 Feb</b>	6.00 pm Year 6 SATs and PGL meeting
<b>Fri 15 Feb</b>	<b>INSET</b> – children not in school
<b>Half term - Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019</b> <b>School reopens Monday 25 February 2019</b>	

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### Do you have what it takes:

There is a Quiz night at Holy Spirit Church, Leigh Avenue on Friday 1 February 7.30 – 10.00 pm. Tickets are £5, there will be a cash bar and prizes and raffles.

**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](mailto:goddardl@stockportgrammar.co.uk)

**Marple Bridge Association AGM** will be on Thursday 7 March at the Women's Institute on Lower Fold at 8:00 pm. It is open to anyone to attend.

**Wyevale Garden Centre** : Little Diggers February Half Term 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019  
Activities include Making a bird home, creating a bird buddy, growing your own mini gardens; flower power pots, feeding the birds. Each event £2.50 per child. Contact [wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/event-half-term-craft-events](http://wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/event-half-term-craft-events) for more information and bookings.