



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

Year 3 shared a lovely class assembly on Wednesday. It was linked to their current RE topic and was all about journeys. Next week, it is Year 1's turn.

Year 2 attended mass on Wednesday. It is great to be building up our links with the parish again.

This week has also been wellbeing week in school. Thank you to everyone who brought in a special show and tell. We have had some exciting items and visitors in school this week.

### **CURRICULUM, MISSION AND VISION**

Thank you to all of the parents and governors that attended our curriculum coffee morning and evening sessions. They were both really productive. As a school, we are looking again at our core values and the principles that we want to guide the life of our school in the coming years. If you want to contribute, I have included the questions that we looked at below. Feedback is welcome at [headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk)

1. Our school motto: What is it? (No Googling!) What should it include? Who is it for? What should it say about us?
2. Our school mission statement: What is it? What should it include? Who is it for? What should it say about us?
3. What do we want to teach our children to be like?
4. How do you find out about the quality of your child's experience in school?
5. What is our curriculum intent? What sort of curriculum do we want to have?

We look forward to hearing your views. We will be asking the children for their opinions next week too.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Book Detectives have been making arrangements for World Book Day 2019. This year, children can bring in their favourite bedtime story and wear their pyjamas for the day! We are also running a competition to decorate a peg as your favourite book character. There will special book related prizes for one winner in each class.

### **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.

### **INTERNET SAFETY DAY**

It was Internet Safety Day on Tuesday. As a school, we have dealt with a growing number of incidents that have taken place online outside of school hours over the last few years. Without fail, problems arise when children play games and access content and apps that are above their real age. The problem is not often the game or platform itself, but the way other users use it and what that exposes our children to.

I know how easy it is to fall into the trap of thinking 'it's only a game' or 'all of his/her friends have it', but if children are using apps or games that they are too young to access, then problems arise: friends falling out over a game; being exposed to swearing on Fortnite, etc.

and children talking unkindly about each other on Whatsapp are just some of the issues that we have had to deal with in the last twelve months.

Modern technology and how children access it can be difficult to navigate, but as a general rule of thumb, we try to get the message across that if you wouldn't do it in the real world, then you shouldn't do it on line. Also, it is important that we encourage an open dialogue with our children about things that they experience online and that we monitor their use of the internet in its many forms for the benefit of all of our school community.

### DINNER MONEY

Please ensure that dinner money is paid up to date **before** the half term break. This can be paid either on line via school money, or sent into the office (cheque or cash). Dinners cost £2.20 each and should be paid in advance. Thank you.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please check for updates on a regular basis*

<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:

#### Stockport Metro:

Romiley swimming baths are offering half term holiday swimming courses at reduced cost £25.60 instead of £32.00. Courses available are stroke developer, 10m improvers, beginners, 5m improvers. For further details contact Romiley baths on 430 3437, or email [romiley.swimming@lifeleisure.net](mailto:romiley.swimming@lifeleisure.net)., or collect a full informative letter from the Reception area in school. Please state the name of the school to qualify for discounted price.

#### Do you have what it takes:

There is a Quiz night at Holy Spirit Church, Leigh Avenue on Friday 1 March 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) .

**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.

#### British Heart Foundation:

Your unwanted items still have a lot to give. We'll take them to your local British Heart Foundation store to find them a new life. It's free and fast and the funds raised could help save countless lives. We collect all sorts of items: sofas, suites, armchairs, tables, beds and bedroom furniture, TVs, washing machines – the list is endless. Call 0161 825 9582 or visit [bhf.org.uk/collection](http://bhf.org.uk/collection) to arrange a collection.