



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

It was Year 1's turn to do collective worship on Wednesday. We had a great parent turn out this week. It is great to have your support, so thank you.

Reception and Year 6 attended mass on Wednesday. Mrs Bradbury was delighted with the behaviour and participation of all children and received some really nice comments from the parishioners. We'll be back again after half term.

Last week was Wellbeing Week in school. All children had the opportunity to bring something in for a special show and tell, some of which we shared at assembly. We raised a total of £55 which will be sent to Place2Be.

CURRICULUM, MISSION AND VISION

We are still looking for feedback on our curriculum mission and vision questions. Email responses to headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk please.

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 on 7 March. 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 be special book related prizes for one winner in each class.

BEHAVIOUR AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

We have had a lively old time in our staff meeting this week discussing relationships and behaviour of pupils (and staff!) in school. We are keen to update our policy to make our expectations, rewards and consequences clearer to everyone involved. An updated policy will be available to share after half term.

ST RALPH SHERWIN MULTI-ACADMEY TRUST

We have had a busy week this week in school, including some visitors from the central MAT team. On Wednesday, we had Mrs Amanda Greaves, who does the same school improvement role that Mrs Boucher has been seconded to do, visit our school. She came to look at pupils' learning, with a particular focus on writing. She saw lots of positive things as she walked around, including high levels of engagement in learning in our Year 5 and 6 classes. I always tell the children in the older year groups that they are important leaders in our school and help to set the tone for the rest of the children, so this was really pleasing.

Year 5 also had a visit from Joe Hopkins, the MAT chaplain. We are hoping to appoint our own chaplain through the MAT on a part time basis very soon.

The MAT Trust Board also held their meeting here on Thursday evening. They enjoyed a tour of the school and some delicious biscuits made by our dedicated kitchen staff.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY <i>Please check for updates on a regular basis</i>	
Thurs 14 Feb	Finish for half term
Fri 15 Feb	INSET – children not in school
Half term - Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019 School reopens Monday 25 February 2019	
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day
Wed 13 Mar	Parents' evening
Wed 20 Mar	Parents' evening

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., 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 .

Wyevale Garden Centre : Little Diggers February Half Term 18th – 22nd 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 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 to arrange a collection.

Have a good half term break