



Apologies for the lack of a bulletin last week. The week just ran away with me and I ended up writing it off. I hope it wasn't missed too much!

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We have had quite a lot going on over the last fortnight, including some of our children going to other schools in the St Ralph Sherwin Trust to work with pupils there. On Monday/Wed, we had some of our Year 4 pupils travelling up to St Anne's in Buxton to work with pupils from three other schools. This week, we sent a group of Year 5 pupils to Glossop to work with groups of children from five different schools. They have created artwork and cards to share with people in the trust.

Year 5 have also been preparing for next week's Stations of the Cross. See the Year 5 newsletter for when parents of children in that class are invited to school to share these special acts of worship.

What can I say about 'Roll Back the Stone'? (If you saw the show, you're probably singing that tune now!) What a wonderful production the children and staff in Year 3 and Year 4 gave us on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. We learned about the Easter story and at the same as as learning about what a fantastic group of children we have in Year 3 and Year 4. Well done to all involved.

A group of Year 6 pupils will be selling a magazine that they have made next week. They have made the whole thing from scratch to raise money for Headway, their class charity. They will be selling it next week on the playground for 50 pence. The cost of the magazine also includes entry into a competition to win an Easter egg!

There are more fundraising activities going on in school due to Year 6's entrepreneurial spirit. Business Gang are running an Easter bonnet competition and have four sensational chocolatey prizes to win. There are posters around school with more information on them.

Father Bill is in next Wednesday to hear Reconciliation. Our Faith Friends and Guiding Lights have planned a liturgy to deliver in classes on that day too.

PTA EVENTS

Ice Pops will be back on sale after the Easter break. This will be on a Friday after assembly on the top playground at 20 p each. Please make sure that the tips cut off are placed in the bin – not on the playground. Thanks.

STOCKPORT HARRIERS

Medals for those cross country children who have competed in five races at Woodbank Park this season will be presented in assembly on Friday 12 April.

SCRATCH CLUB

Scratch Club for the Year 5 and 6 finishes next week Thursday 11 April. Following the Easter break this will be offered to Year 4 – letters should be coming home today. It is run by Julia Handl (parent) on a Thursday morning before school. There are 12 places available, and it will be on a first come first served basis. Please hand letters into the office before Friday 12 April.

POTTERY CLUB

Year 2, after the Easter break, will have the opportunity of joining the pottery club on a Thursday lunch time. Letters have been sent home today, but there are only 10 places so please return your completed form to the office by Thursday 11 April.

UK SPORTS MULTI SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Due to the big response to the Multi Skills After School club to be held on a Monday after Easter, UK sports are offering a further course on a Thursday after school, for 4 weeks. There are still 10 places left at this club. It is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you would like your child to join please see Mrs Biggs in the office by Tuesday 9 April.

GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Reeder has given advance notice that he will not be in school for lessons on Tuesday 30 April and Tuesday 7 May.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

This is to remind all parents that we are a completely nut free school – we have had another pupil recently with a nut allergy and it is imperative that we keep them safe.

ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

We are going to start publishing our attendance figures on the newsletter each week. Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 4 who are this week's attendance winners!

Reception 95.5	Year 1 98.6	
Year 2 95.8	Year 3 97.6	
Year 4 99.6	Year 5 95.5	Year 6 99.4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check for updates on a regular basis

Mon- Fri 8-12 April	Year 5 – Stations of the Cross each morning at 9.10 am. All welcome.
Fri 12 Apr	Finish for end of term
Mon 29 Apr	Return to school
Mon 13 May	Y6 SATs week

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Kickstart Drama

Runs a drama group on Fridays at 4.45pm in the Ludworth W.I. Hall. The hour-long sessions are designed for children aged 6 to 11 and incorporate stagecraft, vocal technique and drama games with the aim of developing the children's dramatic awareness and skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere. The first session is free and thereafter £6 per week, paid in advance, each half term. The sessions are run during term times and all tutors are DBS checked.

Anyone who is interested in booking a trial session may contact us via email:

kickstartdrama@gmail.com or through our Facebook page #kickstartdrama.

Easter Orienteering Event

On Saturday 20 April 10.00am til 12.30pm at Woodbank Park there will be a family fun challenge. No experience of map reading required. Take part in safe and great adventure, searching for the secret markers. For further information please contact Samantha Barton on 0161 482 0918 or

Samantha.barton@lifeleisure.net

Brabyns Tennis Club

We are offering a starter tennis course for children aged 4 to 8 and 7 to 11 who have no previous experience of tennis. It will comprise six high quality sessions that introduces tennis in a fun and relaxed environment. Please visit www.brabynstennis.co.uk for further information – dates and how to book.

Marple Cricket Club

All Stars Cricket – Big moments – All starts cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends. Come along to Marple Cricket Club on Tuesday 5.15 – 6.15 pm, 14 May to 16 July. For more information contact paulsjonah@hotmail.com