

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy
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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, we welcomed two pupils from All Saints in Glossop and their staff who brought with them the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT wheel. This wheel started its journey many months ago at the initial meetings between heads, governors and the diocese to establish the Saint Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. It is now making its way around all 25 schools in the CMAT, so we have it for one week before taking it to St Philip Howard in Glossop. Some of our Year 4 pupils prepared a liturgy to help us pray for all of the staff and pupils in the CMAT.

Next week, the Guiding Lights in Year 6 have planned a craft day to celebrate May, the month of Mary. They will be visiting all of the classes to work with the children and on Thursday, they will lead a special assembly. On Thursday, everyone should wear one blue item in addition to their uniform to mark this special month. Bring £1 to raise money for the Mary /Rainbow Trust.

PARKING

The first meeting this term that we had in school was with the Stockport Traffic Team and three of our local councillors to discuss parking and related issues around school. We do receive frequent emails from parents and our neighbours about this issue. We are really grateful to those of you that park considerately and safely. The Traffic Team and the councillors have drawn up some plans to hopefully help alleviate the problems that we face, so hopefully you will notice some improvements on that front soon.

AIR POLLUTION AROUND SCHOOLS

One of our enterprising pupils has started up a campaign to persuade people to switch off their car engines when parking in and around school. He has independently been in touch with a local councillor and organised leaflets to be distributed to our neighbours to display in their windows that carry the message to turn off engines while waiting. He has also recruited a group of friends to help him in this campaign and they will be out and about next week, supported by the councillor and parents to promote the 'No Idling' message. Please support them in this valuable and worthwhile work. We are incredibly proud that we are working with parents to help our children to grow into engaged and thoughtful citizens. Below is a quite shocking quote from a recent report into air quality in Greater Manchester, which is one of the reasons for this campaign.

"While so much attention is given to air pollution in London, Greater Manchester (GM) in fact has the highest rates of emergency admissions to hospital for asthma in the whole country. A recent World Health Organization (WHO) study shows Manchester to be the second-worst council in England for PM10 pollution (London lies 22nd). Three out of five sites in Greater Manchester monitoring the more worrying PM2.5 pollution currently exceed WHO 'safe limits'."

STOCKPORT SEND INSPECTION

As you may be aware Stockport was subject to a Local Area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) inspection in September. The local authority has now published Stockport's Written Statement of Action which has now been accepted by Ofsted. It has also been published for parents and professionals on the Local Offer

www.sensupportstockport.uk).

PTA EVENTS

There is a provisional date for a summer fair on Saturday 13 July 2019 but help is desperately needed. **The summer fair and other events cannot run without volunteers. There is a risk that these vital fundraising and fun activities will be cancelled if people do not volunteer to help.** Please see a member of the PTA or give your name to the school office. **Can you help us?**

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are back to normal next week with Mrs Felstead Monday and Tuesday, Mr Reeder on Tuesday and Mr Collins on Thursday.

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

Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 6 who are this week's attendance winners again!

Reception	99.4%	Year 1	99.3%	Year 2	99.0%		
Year 3	99.3%	Year 4	97.9%	Year 5	96.2%	Year 6	100%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check for updates on a regular basis

Fri 17 May	PTA Space themed disco 5.30 – 7.00 pm
Wed 22 May	Class photographs
Fri 24 May	Bikeability for Yr 5
Fri 24 May	Finish for end of term
w/c 27 May	HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (subject to uptake)
Mon 10 June	Return to school
Mon 10 and Tues 11 June	Bikeability Yr 6
Thurs 18 July	Y5/6 Production 1.30 and 7.00 pm
Wed 24 July	Leavers Assembly and Disco – times to be confirmed
Fri 26 July	Finish for Summer Break – end of the Academic Year
w/c 29 July w/c 5 Aug w/c 12 Aug	HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (subject to uptake)

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Stockport Basketball Club: We are recruiting for the team Stockport Lapwings U14 – school years 6&7. If you would be interested please contact stockportballenquiries@gmail.com for further details.

Karela Dance -Ballet, Tap, Modern including Street, Contemporary and Cheer taught to boys and girls ages 2 and a half to adult. Classes held on Thursdays at St Martin's Church hall Brabyn's Brow. Other classes in Bredbury and Stockport. Contact Adele 07753684003 or find us on

Facebook/Kareladance

MARPLE BRIDGE SUMMER STREET PARTY – Sunday 26 May 1-5 pm. Tickets are on sale the The Post Office and the Northumberland Pub, Marple Bridge. There will be live music by The John Cooper Band and entertainment for the kids.

Stockport Music Service – Childrens Singing Week 5-9 August for gifted and talented singers aged 9-13 yrs. £50 per child. Learn choral skills through fun singing games and musical activities. No music notation reading skills needed. Led by experienced teachers, with concert at end of the week for parents/carers. For more information and online booking go to www.singforpleasure.org.uk/events. Or events@singforpleasure.org.uk