



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

Well done to all of our First Holy Communicants in St Mary's parish last week. They all helped to create a lovely mass and it was great to see so many family members there. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time.

### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

It has been Science Week in school this week. Our Year 6 Change Makers Institute helped us with a Clean Air Week assembly on Monday and pupils have thought about Clean Air in their own classrooms. We took groups of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 to Media City in Salford Quays on Thursday to visit the Pollution Pods art installation there. The children were outstanding ambassadors for our school throughout the trip. It was a real treat for the staff to accompany them. In the Pollution Pods, we visited five domes with each one replicating the atmosphere in different cities around the world. After the Pods, we went into the Media City Studios building to work with Cambridge University and King's College London students and staff to explore different aspects of the importance clean air and the effects of pollution. The Pods will be open to visitors over the weekend if you are interested in visiting them You can find more information online.

The RSPB have been in to deliver sessions to our infant classes this week too. They were impressed with how our children got stuck in to their learning outside. The PTA have helped to fund these sessions.

Our fabulous PTA volunteers also funded a visit from the Wonderdome this week. Every class visited the dome to learn about space. It was an interesting and exciting day for everyone.

Some classes have also been using the science MESS boxes. These include wind and water meters, thermal imaging cameras and lots of other exciting activities to explore.

### **GOING FORTH MASS**

There will be a going forth mass to celebrate Year 3 First Holy Communion on Friday 5 July at 10 am. All welcome.

**SPONSOR THE BISHOP! AND MRS BOUCHER!** – As part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rodsley (23 June) representatives from every school in the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT will be doing a 5 mile sponsored walk to Rodsley with Bishop Patrick. Our representative will be Mrs Boucher. The money will go to Rainbows and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospices. If you would like to sponsor them please do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/SRSBishopswalk>

### **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**

We are trialling a school Twitter account to keep you updated on some aspects of school life. This is not intended to be a main line of communication, but rather a way to share photos and news of fun and interesting things that are happening in school. It is a bit sparse at the moment as it is in its infancy, but you can follow us @StMarysMB

### **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

The final date for handing in orders of the class photos is Monday 24 June. Thank you.

### **AIR POLLUTION AROUND SCHOOLS**

Pupils will be back out next week to continue the 'No Idling' campaign. We have received a 'Clean Air Week' pack with lots of different resources in that we are going to use to promote 'Clean Air' practices. **PARKING** Thank you to those of you that continue to park considerately and safely.

To round off Clean Air Week, TFGM have launched an interactive game for pupils to play, teaching them about the dangers of air pollution.

Go head to head with other schools across Greater Manchester to get to the top of the leaderboard. Please find the game at [www.cleanairgame.com](http://www.cleanairgame.com)

### DON'T FORGET ...

- To pay school dinner money <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/>
- We are a completely NUT FREE school

### SPORTS DAY

This year Sports Day will be on Thursday 27 June for Years Reception to Year 6 at 1.15 pm. Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Nursery sports day to later in the term. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school for this occasion – though a t-shirt of their house group colour can be worn. Also on the Thursday there will be a sale of 'good as new school uniform' and of plants grown by the school gardening group. We hope you will be able to join us, weather dependant of course. All children on this day will be having a packed lunch – those children who normally have school dinners will have a packed lunch provided.

### PTA

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**. **Find out more on the St Mary's PTA Marple Bridge Group Facebook page.**

### 2019 FAMILY CAMP

**ROWTER FARM Campsite, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33 8WA**

**2 nights - Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July 2019**

The same campsite as last year has been booked for the 2019 family camp. Please register by filling in this google form (totally paperless this year) and sending your payment before Monday 24th June. <https://forms.gle/Dc8VdQzdoktiCSUj6> Search for "St Mary's Family Camp 2019" on Facebook and join the closed group if interested.

### CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Please follow the link below for an update on the change of a bank holiday in 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>

### ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

Our weekly target is 96% Well done to Year 1 who are this week's attendance winners.

Reception	97.5%	Year 1	98.6%	Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	96.2%	Year 4	96.4%	Year 5	97.6%
		Year 6	98.1%		

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wed 26 June</b>	<b>Nursery sports day</b>
<b>Thurs 27 June</b>	<b>Reception – Yr6 Sports Day 13:15</b>
<b>Thurs 4 July</b>	<b>Y6 Transition day to High School and our own move up day</b>
<b>Fri 5 July</b>	<b>Going Forth Mass 10 am</b>
<b>Thurs 18 July</b>	<b>Y5/6 Production 13:30 and 19:00</b>
<b>Wed 24 July</b>	<b>Leavers Assembly and Disco – times to be confirmed</b>
<b>Fri 26 July</b>	<b>Finish for Summer Break – end of the Academic Year</b>
<b>w/c 29 July, 5 &amp; 12 Aug</b>	<b>HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (subject to uptake)</b>

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**STOCKPORT METRO** get kids water safe for summer. Offer available during RLSS UK Drowning Presentation Week (14-24 June) of £1.00 per lesson but other courses available throughout July and August. Contact Life Leisure centres for further details.

**PIPS** – It is our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10 July 10am-11am at the Alma Lodge Hotel, 149 Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6EL. Come along and find out what PIPS has been doing for families over 2018/19, the impact it has made in Stockport and find out more about what PIPs does and how it can help you.