



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thanks to Fr Bill and our Year 3 parents that came in to celebrate our 'Going Forth' mass today. All of our Year 3 friends have had a nice time celebrating with party food and games. It was great to see the Holy Communion outfits get another outing too. Thank you to Mrs Rourke and Mrs Emery for organising such a lovely mass. All of the children did us really proud.

Mr Murphy and Mrs Boucher attended the Bishop's Day at Eastwood Hall in Nottingham on Tuesday. They listened to an inspirational talk about 'Missionary Discipleship' in our Nottingham Diocese schools and celebrated mass with Bishop Patrick.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL THIS WEEK

It has been a week of glorious weather and it makes us really appreciate our surroundings and how privileged we are to play and learn on such a beautiful site. One man who has helped us to enjoy the outdoors over the years is Grandad Jim. Saint Ralph Sherwin CMAT asked for nominations for any people that had gone above and beyond in voluntary roles across the trust. We are lucky enough to have many fantastic volunteers, but this time we proposed Jim for his incredible service to gardening at St Mary's. Mr McClafferty, the trust's CEO, came to present him with an award and Year 6 Green Force helped to prepare a few words of thanks and prayers for Jim.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We have been updating our Twitter page as we are going along. We're putting updates about events in school at the moment. This will continue to grow over the coming weeks make sure you follow us @StMarysMB.

AIR POLLUTION AROUND SCHOOLS

We had to postpone the 'No Idling' campaign this week, but we'll be back out again soon. 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.

DON'T FORGET ...

- **To pay school dinner money** <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/> please ensure all payments – dinner money, music fees, kids club fees – are up to date before the end of this term. Many thanks
- **We are a completely NUT FREE school**

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a great success. Everyone had fun and took part with a great attitude. We're already looking forward to next year's event!

PTA

PTA will be holding an End of Year playground party on Friday 19 July 2019. More details will follow, but please could we ask for donations for a 'Treat Tombola' the week beginning 15 July and then for cake donations on the 19 July. If there are any volunteers who would help with this event please get in touch with a member of the PTA. Thanks

TRANSFER DAY

Most of Year 6 moved up to their high schools for a day on Thursday and the feedback has been universally positive. We had our own transition afternoon on the same day. Every class got to move up to their new classroom and meet at least one of their new teachers.

HARRYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Fantastic news from our friends up at Harrytown: Ofsted now rates them officially as 'Good'. We know what a dedicated and hard-working staff they have there so it is great that they have got the recognition that they deserve, especially after their fantastic GCSE results last year. Also, Mrs Britton attended the Harrytown awards night last night and was delighted to see so many of our former pupils receive prizes for a wide range of achievements.

ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

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

Reception	94.4%	Year 1	97.5%	Year 2	98.1%		
Year 3	98.3%	Year 4	98.2%	Year 5	96.6%	Year 6	100%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 8 July	Mrs Felstead's music assembly 09:10 am
Thurs 18 July	Y5/6 Production 13:30 and 19:00
Fri 19 July	PTA End of Year Playground party
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, 5 & 12 Aug	HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (subject to uptake)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.