



A MESSAGE FROM MRS BOUCHER

As we move into the final week of the school year, I would like to thank Mr Murphy, Miss Poole and the whole staff team for their hard work and commitment throughout this academic year. The children have benefitted from an unwavering focus by staff on wellbeing, faith development and academic progress – as well as finding innovative ways to learn and have fun! Pupils' outcomes across the school are particularly strong: this is testament to the year-on-year drive to ensure everyone is supported to do their best and be their best. Congratulations to the children themselves is also in order!

Our governors and families are key partners in the school's successes and development: thank you to all these people, who support and challenge us to ensure that our children have a happy, safe and successful school experience.

Having had a more of a long-distance relationship with my school family this year, I am thrilled at the prospect of returning to base and spending more time within our fabulous St Mary's community. During the final week of term, I will be in school to support the arrangements for the end of this school year – and plan ahead for the next!

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We have appointed a school chaplain to start with us in September 2019. Five pupils went up to St Anne's in Buxton to help with the interview process and helped to pick out the best of the three candidates. The chaplain will be with us for one day a fortnight to help us build our chaplaincy teams and develop collective worship across the school.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The PTA summer camp was a huge success. Year 4 children ran a tuck shop in aid of their charity CAFOD and raised an amazing £103.05 – very well done to those children.

- Jacob in Year 2 sold his precious stones for £5 pounds and donated the money to CAFOD this week, which is an incredibly kind thing to do. We have wonderful, caring children in our school.
- Year 4 will be selling cakes in the playground after school on Tuesday 23 July in aid of their class charity Signpost for Carers.
- Year 2 will be selling ice-creams in the playground after school on Thursday 25 July in aid of their class charity HUGS (Helping Uganda Schools). They will be £1.00 each.

KIDNAP IN NEW YORK

We're all still recovering from the emotional rollercoaster of the Year 5 and 6 production. It was sensational to see the quality of the performances that our pupils are capable of producing and they had so much fun doing it too. Well done to all of our performers and thanks go out to our talented and imaginative staff and volunteers too. What a team!

POLICE VISIT

Everyone enjoyed looking around the police car and hearing about how the police help in our community this week. Thanks to Joshua's dad and his police colleague for coming to talk to us and to Mrs Bradbury for organising.

OPEN EVENING

There was a really nice atmosphere around school on Wednesday for open evening. We are keen to maintain the great relationship that we have with our parents.

REPORTS

We would love to receive your comments on the slips at the back of the reports. Please let us have them as soon as possible so that we have time to digest them as we put plans together for next year.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

We have lots of shows, assemblies and masses coming up over the next two weeks. We know that everyone likes to take photographs and videos during performances, which we are happy to allow. If you do so, please remember that they are only for private use. It is not permitted to share them on social media, including WhatsApp. We have families who do not want photographs of their children to be shared and, as a community, we have to respect their right to privacy. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

OUR SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL: a message for the children

We plan to decorate the entrance area with some amazing artwork created by our artistic children. Can you help?

As Mary is our patron saint, she will become our first focus. It will be Mary's special feast day on the 8th September (The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is Mary's birthday) and we would like you to get busy over the summer holiday creating pictures, models and images of Mary.



You could make a stained-glass image, paint a picture, make a small 3D statue...the choice is yours. The work must be no bigger than A3 in size. Please bring your work into school during the first week back in September. When you hand it into the school office, you can collect a raffle ticket for taking part. Write your name on the back, pop it into the box and you might get picked for the winning prize! We will hold the draw before the end of half term and the

winner will earn a treat for their whole class..... Good luck!

CLUBS

The last day for clubs for this academic year are as follows:

Kidslingo Club Wednesday 24 July

LOST PROPERTY

Following the school summer camp a navy blue Reebok hoody has been handed in as lost property. Please call into the office if you think this may be yours.

Lost property from around school will be under the gazebo on Monday and Tuesday after school. Please look through and claim any that is yours, those that are left will be donated to the local charity shops during the holidays. Thank you.

PTA

PTA will be holding an End of Year playground party on Friday 19 July 2019. This will start at the end of the day (15:15) on the 19 July. Please could we ask for donations for a 'Treat Tombola' from Monday 15 July onwards 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

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 Well done to Year 1 who are this week's attendance winners.

Reception	95%	Year 1	99.6%	Year 2	93.2%		
Year 3	99.3%	Year 4	99.3%	Year 5	95.5%	Year 6	98.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 19 July	PTA End of Year Playground party
Wed 24 July	Leavers Assembly 10:00 and Disco 19:00
Fri 26 July	Leavers' Service in the school hall 09:15
Fri 26 July	Finish for Summer Break – end of the Academic Year
w/c 29 July, 5 & 12 Aug	HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (<i>this is now full</i>)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kickstart Drama - Runs a drama group on Fridays at 16.45pm in the Ludworth W.I. Hall. The 90 minute 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.

Brabyns Tennis Club are holding an open day on Sunday 21 July 2019. Why not come along and join in with one of our taster sessions – family free play 11:00 – 12:00, adult beginners/improvers 12:30 – 13:30 and mini and junior tennis (ages 5-16) 14:00 – 15:00. Reserve your place at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BrabynsLawnTennisClub>.

Swimming Summer Holiday courses – Life Leisure are offering a variety of swimming courses including life saving, learning to canoe, synchronised swimming, learning to snorkel on various dates over the summer holidays. To book your space on any of these courses or to find out more information please contact 0161 430 3437 or romiley.swimming@lifeleisure.net

An Invitation for Y6 Children and Parents

Y6 children are invited to a Leavers' Disco!

Y6 parents are invited to a Parent Party*!



Please join us to celebrate the partnership we have shared throughout your child's time with us at St Mary's
on Wednesday 24 July 2019 from 7-9pm

*Leave siblings at home. this is a special time for you!