

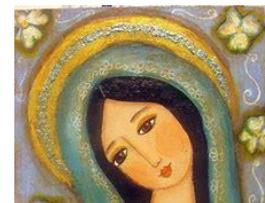


### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS BOUCHER**

As we end the school year, I would like to reiterate my thanks to 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. Happy Holidays to all!



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

Thanks to all of our Faith Friends for their hard work leading the prayer and worship life of our school this year. To round things off, they produced a beautiful service to say thanks and goodbye to our Year 6 pupils today.

### **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 £105.05 – very well done to those children.

- Year 4 had their cake sale on Tuesday and they raised £40.85 to support Stockport Signpost for Carers. Well done to Year 4!
- Year 2 had their ice lolly sale on Thursday and they have raised £64 from this for their class charity HUGS; Maeve also made a book which raised £25 for HUGS
- Year 6 raised a total of £444 for the charity Headway. Wow fantastic well done.

### **Year 6**

We have been blessed to have had such a fantastic Year 6 class this year. Their determined, hard-working and cheerful personalities have brightened the life of our school. They have even managed to raise £444.41 for their class charity, Headway. Thanks again to all of our Year 6 families for sending your children to us. The high schools that they are going on to are very lucky to have them. Don't be strangers in the future. We love to keep up to date with how our pupils are getting on.

### **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!

### GARDENING GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a fantastic gardening element to our whole school and we are desperately in need of some volunteers to keep this wonderful opportunity available to all of our children. The group runs from 9:00-12:00 every Wednesday. All children in the school are timetabled to garden in small groups with our fantastic volunteers. We are also setting up a gardening therapy group as additional support for some children. In order for all of this to continue we need to expand this very small group of volunteers. You do not need any gardening experience or knowledge of gardening as all activities are co-ordinated by our wonderful Grandad Jim.

On the first Friday back to school in September the gardening group will be in the playground at the end of the day with a sign up rota. If you are able to commit to helping on 1 or more Wednesday sessions please come and say hello, we greatly appreciate any help which can be given. Thank you Mrs Bradbury.

### PTA

Thanks to our hard-working PTA for the amazing work that they have done over the year. They have raised funds for school and broadened the experiences of our pupils through things like the Wonderdome and discos. We really appreciate it. Thank you

### FAIR FUNDING CAMPAIGN

A date for your diaries: there will be a school funding summit at Marple Hall School on Monday 16 September at 7pm. All welcome. More details to follow next term.

### ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 4 who are this week's attendance winners.

Reception	96.9%	Year 1	95.0%	Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	97.9	Year 4	99.7%	Year 5	95.9%
		Year 6	99.4%		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Fri 26 July	<b>Leavers' Service in the school hall 09:15</b>
Fri 26 July	<b>Finish for Summer Break – end of the Academic Year</b>
w/c 29 July, 5 & 12 Aug	<b>HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE</b> ( <i>this is now full</i> )
Mon 2 September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 3 September	<b>Children return to school</b>

### 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](mailto:kickstartdrama@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page #kickstartdrama.

**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](mailto:romiley.swimming@lifeleisure.net)

**Cricket** Please see these links for an excellent opportunity for children in Stockport to access an All Stars Cricket sessions **completely free of charge**. On the back of England's fantastic World Cup Win, the All Stars 'Have a

Go' sessions are expected to be extremely popular. There are two venues in Stockport, with both sessions taking place on **Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**:

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge CC (10am-12pm): <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Events/cheadlehl/235186a3-5b99-42b0-934a-49576f120c5c>

Hazel Grove Cricket Club (2pm-4pm): <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Events/hazलगrove/f83674b3-f961-4d9a-a588-a35046c6e113>

This is a fabulous chance for children aged 4-8 to access some free coaching and equipment, and to inspire the next generation!