



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Bulletin No 5: Friday 04 October 2019

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Today we celebrate CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. We were thrilled to welcome into Friday Assembly Paul from CAFOD, who came to talk to us about CAFOD and its wonderful charity work. While he was with us, he personally thanked some of our children for their amazing fund raising, which was spontaneously carried out at the 2019 Family Camp in the summer. Our liturgies during the week have enabled us to reflect on all we have, thanking God for all he gives us; we have also considered how we can help those around us, near and far. Thank you to all those who have sent into school donations of money for CAFOD and food/ toiletries for The Wellspring in Stockport. **Please join us in school on Monday 7 October at 2pm, when Fr Bill will join us for the celebration of Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year on the Feast of the Holy Rosary.**

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day takes place on Thursday 10 October 2019 in order to show young people they're not alone with any mental health issues. We talk a lot about physical health: now we need to encourage people to talk, openly, about mental health! Why not wear a yellow accessory to school on Thursday and support this day by donating a £1 to Young Minds?

CROSS COUNTRY

The next race at Woodbank Park takes place this weekend, on Saturday 5 October. All pupils from Y3 upwards are welcome! The first race starts at 10.30. Please look for Miss Poole when you arrive, so that she can keep the register to show what a great and growing cross country squad we have!

CYBER SAFETY

During the first half term, every year, in school we cover age-appropriate aspects of cyber safety; this fits in with our curriculum plan for Computing. We are delighted to invite parents and carers into school on MONDAY 28 OCTOBER at 18.30 to find out more about this vital aspect of modern life. If you want to know more about keeping your child safe online – and even if you think you already know how to do this – please come: traditionally an event like this attracts low numbers, but we are determined to ensure we do our very best to equip everyone – parents, teachers and children – with the most up to date information. Thank you in advance to Mrs Claire Wood for offering her area of expertise to us on this day.

AWARDS EVENING

Mrs Ashton and Mrs Boucher had a great evening out on Friday, representing the school at the Stockport Sports and Physical Activity Annual Awards! St Mary's was one of only 4 schools nominated across the town for the 'Contribution to School Sports and Physical Activity – and three of these schools were all from the Marple area! Rose Hill were the winners and we congratulate them. Well done to all the staff and parents who support us in our endeavours to inspire the children to participate in a range of activities which they can enjoy while keeping fit and healthy.

CLIMATE CRISIS IN MARPLE

Our Year 6 pupils created some lovely artwork which was displayed at the above event last weekend. We had a prize winner: well done to Milly!

BLUEBELL WOOD CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The St Ralph Sherwin CMAT has Bluebell Wood as its chosen charity for our region. From our Mary Day celebrations and charity box collections we have managed to raise in excess of £253: the exact amount is not known yet but we will let you know when it is finalised. Thank you for all your support with this.

Sean McClafferty, our CEO, and Jacqueline Rodden, Chair of the Trust, are jumping out of an aeroplane at 10,000ft in October to raise money for the Trust's nominated charities – Rainbows and Bluebell Wood.

To sponsor Sean <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/srsrainbowsskydive>

To sponsor Jacqueline <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/srsbluebellwoodskydive>

For Both <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/srsskydives>

ST RALPH SHERWIN TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Trust is running a Christmas card competition. The details are attached again with the bulletin, but the closing date is Monday 4 November.



ART PROJECT FOR SCHOOLS

We realise it is only September, but the children have started to make Christmas cards in school that you will be able to purchase to send to all of your friends when the time comes. The children design and make the cards in school and, once scanned by the firm, they will be returned to you with an order code on the reverse. You will need to go on line to purchase the cards. The closing date for ordering is 4 November. This is a great fundraiser for our dedicated PTA.

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

IF YOU SHOP THERE, please save your stickers from Aldi, as we are collecting them! For every £30 spent a sticker is given. This will then be displayed on a poster and once full we will receive an exclusive Aldi sports kit for school; as well as being entered into a draw to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes!! Please keep saving!

PTA 200 CLUB

Over the last few months the following people have been the lucky winners of the 200 Club. They are George Bute £59; Clare Manley £59; C Callaghan £33; Andrew Jones £92; N&S Davies-Sheldon £59; Conleth Grant £33; Karen Bluff £92; Daniel Vaughan £59; Helen Towell £33. Congratulations to everyone! Just think: you could be one of the lucky winners! See one of the PTA members for further information.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES: SEPTEMBER 2019

Applications are now open at www.stockportadmissions.gov.uk as follows:

Admission Types	Birth dates between	Application closing date	Offer date
Nursery - Consideration for Jan 2020 start	1 Sep 2016 - 31 Dec 2016	31 Oct 2019	Late Nov 2019
Nursery - Consideration for Apr 2020 start	1 Sep 2016 - 31 Mar 2017	15 Feb 2020	Mar 2020
Nursery - Sept 2020	1 Sep 2016 - 31 Aug 2017	31 Mar 2020	17 May 2020
Primary - Sept 2020	1 Sep 2015 - 31 Aug 2016	15 Jan 2020	16 Apr 2020
Secondary – Sept 2020	1 Sep 2008 - 31 Aug 2009	31 Oct 2019	2 Mar 2020

If any parents would like to talk about school admissions and/or arrange a tour of the school, you are most welcome to make arrangements to meet Mr Murphy through the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis

Mon 7 Oct	School Mass: 14:00 – All Welcome
Fri 18 Oct	Finish for half term
Mon 28 Oct	School reopens; Cyber Safety Talk for Parents and Carers at 18:30
Wed 30 Oct	Individual photographs – younger siblings welcome from 08.30
Wed 6 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings 16:00 – 19:00 Appointments available from 14 October
Wed 13 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings 16:00 – 19:00 Appointments available from 14 October
Wed 18 Dec	EYFS Nativity 10:00 and 14:00
Thurs 19 Dec	KS1 Nativity 10:00 and 14:00
Fri 20 Dec	Party Day / Wear Christmas Jumper / Carols 13:30

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Gallery Choir and Poynton Male Voice Choir – wish to entertain you with a joint concert on Friday 11 October at 19.30 at Trinity Church, Massie Street, Cheadle SK8 1DU. Tickets available on the night at the door or to reserve for collection on 456 4266 (Adults £8, Children and Students £5)

Kickstart Drama runs a drama group during term time on Fridays at 4.30 - 6.00pm in the Ludworth W.I. Hall. The sessions are designed for children aged 6 to 11 and incorporate stagecraft, vocal technique, musical theatre and drama games with the aim of developing the children's dramatic awareness and skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Spaces are also available in our new group for seniors (12-18 year olds) 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The first session is free and thereafter £10 per week, paid in advance, each half term. All our tutors are working professionals and all hold a current DBS certificate. Anyone who is interested in booking a trial session may contact us via email: kickstartdrama@gmail.com or through our Facebook page #kickstartdrama

Have a wonderful weekend!