



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Bulletin No 6: Friday 11 October 2019

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We started our week with Holy Mass on Monday afternoon, celebrated by Fr Bill. This gave us an opportunity to offer the year ahead to God, asking for him to be with us, supporting us through all our endeavours. We came together as a school family, promising to use our skills and talents in the best way possible; the children's own prayers and thoughts formed the basis of our service, making our Mass quite personal to St Mary's school. It was lovely to be joined by members of our families: thank you to all who took the time to be with us on this special occasion.

The St Mary's church bulletin notes that:

The CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN will take place on Sunday, October 13th. Cardinal John Henry Newman will be proclaimed a saint of the Universal Church by Pope Francis. He is the only Englishman born after the Reformation so far to be canonised. His theological thought has influenced the Church across the continents, and his humble pastoral approach has inspired many.

In honour of this occasion, we would like to rename one of our House Groups as Newman House. This begs the question – after which saints shall we name our other three houses? We would like our children to decide: get researching! After the half term break, we will hold an election process to choose our favourite saints.

MR MURPHY'S NEWS

As a recent letter outlined to you, Mr Murphy has been successful in gaining a substantive Head Teacher position at St Matthew's Church of England Academy in Stockport. We are sure you will all want to congratulate him and wish him well as he moves on to his new school after Christmas. We are thrilled for him, though sad for ourselves. Mr Murphy will be greatly missed – but we have many weeks in his company before his departure!

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We took an active part in World Mental Health Day yesterday, asking children about what makes them happy and taking the opportunity to ensure that we need to look after our mental health just as we look after our physical health. Thank you to all those who donated to Young Minds – we raised a very respectable £158.20!

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.

BLUEBELL WOOD CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

We have had a lovely letter from Simon and Hannah, the CEO and Community Fundraiser from Bluebell Wood. They have thanked us for the donation we sent totalling £440.34: well done to everyone!

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/srskydives>

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.



PTA

This week our PTA have distributed the annual Sponsored Bounce letters. The bounce day itself will take place on Wednesday 6 November. All permission slips need to be returned by Monday 4 November, with sponsorship forms brought into school on the day. The funds raised will aid the purchase of equipment for the children to play with outdoors in the playgrounds and during reward times. All items will be shared within the school – by pooling the resources we can purchase better quality and more appropriate items.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We will enjoy our Christmas Dinner in school on Thursday 12 December. If your child has a packed lunch normally but would like a Christmas dinner on this occasion, please let Mrs Biggs know by sending £2.20 in a named envelope. If usually your child has a school dinner, a Christmas dinner will automatically be provided.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES: SEPTEMBER 2019

Parents of Y6 pupils: please note that the closing date for secondary school place applications is coming quickly! SMBC will be sending out letters shortly. Applications are now open at www.stockportadmissions.gov.uk :

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	
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 08:30
Wed 13 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings 16:00 – 19:00 Appointments available from 14 October 08:30
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas Dinner day
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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julie Rotherham, who died recently and whose funeral took place yesterday at St Mary's church. Julie was a parent over many years at our school. We remember her and all the family at this sad time.

Please pray for Fr John who began his next bout of chemotherapy this week. He is thinking of us all and knows that we are also remembering him in our prayers.

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!