



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Bulletin No 9: Friday 8 November 2019

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

During the month of November, we pledge to keep in our prayers the deceased members of your families. Please add the names of any loved ones you would like us to remember in the book we have placed in the entrance hall.

We will be holding our Remembrance Day 2 minutes of silence at 11am with the children: please chat to them about this over the weekend, as it is a good opportunity to discuss the significance of this annual acknowledgement of those who have died in warfare.

We have poppies and other items provided by the British Legion for sale at the school office: please call in to see Mrs Biggs!

### CHARITIES

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** On Friday 15 November 2019 there will be a Pop up 'Pudsey Café' on the top playground when tea and coffee will be served from 08:45 – 09:15. Thank you to Reception class for sponsoring this charity event.

**MACMILLAN CANCER CARE:** We have revived a certificate from the Macmillan coffee events held by our Nursery class last half term: thank you to all those who enabled us to raise £64.70.

### Anti-Bullying Week 2019: Change Starts With Us

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme *Change Starts With Us* and begins on Monday 11 November. To highlight our commitment to learning about and guarding against bullying, we will hold an ODD SOCKS DAY on Tuesday 12 November.

### PARKING

You may have noticed that the council has provided some of our neighbours with white line markings outside their houses to guard against poor parking near their driveways. This is as a result of ongoing issues around parking – not just from our school but also due to the proximity of Ludworth School and all those travelling to/from there. As far as we have the power to do so, we **insist** on parents parking reasonably near our school: this means that we do not expect our own parents to park on/ near corners or painted lines, across driveways or blocking pavements. We have had a child injured by a wing mirror when walking on the pavement; we have had neighbours with a repeated need (and cost) to replace wing mirrors which have been clipped by drivers due to cars lining both sides of the road dangerously; we have had recent reports of emergency vehicles not being able to pass along the roads adjacent to school. It is vital for us that we have the safety of our children and families at the forefront of our thinking at all times - in and around school - and that we maintain good relationships with our neighbours. We continue to ask for co-operation and request that you share this message with grandparents and other family members who do not receive our bulletin and/or may visit our school infrequently.

The children are our next port of call to effect change: do not be surprised if you see our pupils promoting better parking behaviour.

### PARENT/ TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

It was great to see so many parents in school this week for our Advent term parent/ teacher consultations: these conversations are invaluable. We look forward to holding the rest of our meetings next Wednesday, 13 November.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

*The closing date for FREE postage and delivery for parents is fast approaching for online orders. If you have already placed an order for photographs thank you, if not or you wish to order more photographs, simply enter your image reference number and website access code (found on your original order form) at [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk). If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).*

### SCHOOL EMAIL

Over the coming days, we will be moving to a new internet provider and email service. The email addresses will stay the same, but we are conscious that there might be some disruption to services. Next week, if you have an urgent matter, please contact the office in person or by telephone.



## PTA

BOUNCE DAY was a great success on Wednesday: thank you to all those who helped it to happen! Please send your sponsorship money into school as soon as possible: thank you in advance.

OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING takes place on **Friday 29 November** with a Fish and Chip supper, tombola, Christmas quiz ... and a special visitor! The event will take place in the school hall from 17:30-19:30 and tickets are available either from the school office or by email [ptastmarysmarplebridge@gmail.com](mailto:ptastmarysmarplebridge@gmail.com). Please return your menu choice no later than Friday 22 November along with the correct payment: thank you.

## BOOK BUS

Don't forget that the BOOK BUS will be here on Wednesday 13 November. The bus will be parked in the school car park from 08:30 -16:00: parents can visit it at any time and the children will be looking around the bus during the school day. Orders can be made on line at [thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost](http://thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost).

## 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** by Friday 29 November. If usually your child has a school dinner, a Christmas dinner will automatically be provided.

## MS ANGELA KENDRICK

One of our long-serving governors, Angel Kendrick, has completed over three terms (12 years+) and has stepped down from the Local Governing Board this term. We thank her enormously for her support, commitment, ideas, time – she has been a true asset and, behind the scenes, enabled our school to enjoy many successes. We wish her well as she leaves the LGB – but she will always remain a friend of St Mary's!

## MRS MICHELLE JONES

We say a fond farewell today to Mrs Jones, who leaves St Mary's today having been a part of the school family for the best part of 20 years! We thank her for the contribution she has made to the school community and staff team and wish her all the very best for the future.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis</b>	
<b>Tues 12 Nov</b>	Odd socks day for Anti bullying week
<b>Wed 13 Nov</b>	NEW DATE for the Book Bus 8:30 – 16:00; Parent Teacher Meetings 16:00 – 19:00
<b>Fri 15 Nov</b>	Children in Need Café 8:45 – 9:15 top playground
<b>Fri 29 Nov</b>	PTA Christmas Social 17:30 – 19:30
<b>Mon 2 Dec</b>	<b>INSET DAY – children are NOT in school</b>
<b>Wed 4 Dec</b>	St George's Carol concert – more details to follow
<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	Winter Wonderland: KS1 children will be singing at 14:45 on Town Street-more details later
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b>	Christmas Dinner day
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	EYFS Nativity 10:00 and 14:00
<b>Thurs 19 Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity 10:00 and 14:00
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	Party Day / Wear Christmas Jumper / Carols 13:30

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Kickstart Drama** runs a drama group during term time on Fridays at 16:30 – 18:00 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) 18:00 to 19:30. 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](mailto:kickstartdrama@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page #kickstartdrama

*Have a great weekend!*

**PS: DON'T FORGET**

*Monday 2 December is an INSET and children are not in school*