



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Bulletin No 10: Friday 15 November 2019

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

Nurturing and developing the Catholic Life of our school is embedded in all we do. Lots of schools do great charity work, led by their strong convictions to help and support others. We hold those same ideas when we undertake charity work - but for us we do this because our faith is a main driving force behind our actions.

Thank you to those who are therefore contributing to and supporting our school's Catholic Life by engaging in the charitable events held recently – Poppy selling and Children in Need pop-up café, to name but two.

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.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2019: Change Starts With Us

This year's Anti-Bullying Week's theme has been *Change Starts With Us* and their song was sung in school, along with the children having an ODD SOCKS DAY. These enabled us to stand united with others across the country. Bullying was discussed within the individual classes.

### PARKING

Please read last week's bulletin to familiarise yourself with our parking reminders. It is really important for parking/driving behaviours around our school to improve, so that everyone is safe – on the pavement and on the road. Every person needs to take responsibility for their part: thank you for your attention to this matter.

### PARENT/ TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

It was great to see so many parents in school this week on Wednesday for our second Advent term parent/ teacher consultations. Thank you for the feedback sheets: we will feed your comments into our future plans and appreciate all you share with us for the benefit of our pupils.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember that you need to contact your Parish Priest (Fr Kevin at St Mary's or Fr Bill at Holy Spirit) to find out about the First Holy Communion Programme for relevant KS2 pupils. The school supports the parishes, but the sacramental preparation itself takes place within the parishes: forms can be collected from the churches.

### 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

Following on from our bounce on the 6 November, please send your sponsorship money into school as soon as possible: thank you in advance.

Meeting: there will be a PTA meeting on Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 19:30 in the Norfolk Arms. All are welcome and we encourage lots of people to attend, as it will be a great way to meet people as well as support the much-needed school funds, resources and each other! 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

The Book Bus visited us today. All classes went to have a look at the range of books available during the course of the day. A flyer has been brought home tonight to enable parents to buy on line.

## 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.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis</b>	
<b>Mon 18 Nov</b>	Influenza vaccinations in the afternoon
<b>Tues 19 Nov</b>	PTA meeting – Norfolk at 19:30 ALL WELCOME
<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
<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	Winter Wonderland: KS1 children will be singing at 14:45 on Town Street
<b>Thurs 12 Dec</b>	Woodwind Assembly. Parents welcome
<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 Day and the children will not be in school. The staff will be joining members of the Trust so the school will be closed.*