



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Bulletin No 11: Friday 22 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.

### TRAVELLING CRIBS

Travelling cribs will start making their way around school next week. All families will get a chance to take one home. When your child brings a crib home, please use it and return it promptly.

### STOCKPORT YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

Our 'Change Makers' from Year 6 visited Manchester University on Wednesday for a special summit about climate change. The six pupils from St. Mary's had researched and prepared a presentation about how what we eat can impact the environment. They did an amazing job presenting to a lecture theatre containing around 200 people! It was a great experience for them and we have come away with more ideas of how we can live and learn more sustainably. They will be launching new projects in the future.

### 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.

### NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Following on from the nasal flu immunisations on Monday, Intra Health will be carrying out a catch-up session within school within the next couple of weeks. Therefore should you wish your child to have the immunisation but didn't have it then please follow the link <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=106106&Type=FLU> and register on line for it. If your child was absent on Monday for one reason or another and you had requested the immunisation they will automatically be included in the catch up session-there is no need to do another form. Should you have any further questions or problems with the link then please contact Intra Health on 03333 583397.

### 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

Our final transition to a new internet provider will go ahead next week. The email addresses will stay the same. We do not anticipate any disruption to service, but please contact the office by telephone in regard to urgent matters.

## 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.

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. Next week could we ask please that any donations for the tombola – bottles and 'treats' – are sent into the office.

## 200 CLUB

Winners of the 200 club for the last couple of months have been Mrs Walker £30, Mrs Hogan £33, Mrs Bluff £92, Mrs Kean £59, Mrs Fleming £54, Mrs Newton £84 and the PTA with a total of £352. Congratulations to everyone. If you would like to be one of the winners please see a member of the PTA or collect a form from the school office.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 28 November for a catch up session – anybody that was absent on the 30 October will have their photograph taken then.

## 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please check for updates on a regular basis	
<b>Wk beg Mon</b> <b>25 Nov</b>	Donations for the Christmas Festive Special of bottles and treats please
<b>Fri 29 Nov</b>	PTA Christmas Festive Special 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 9:30 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 or pyjamas / Carols 13:30

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Wellspring** is a registered charity situated in the area of Stockport. This service relies solely on donations, as it has no support from the local authority. This year, there has been an overwhelming amount of support in the form of donations, from local agencies and as a result there is a substantial amount of surplus food. The Wellspring would like to give back to the community by offering food parcels to those in need. At school, we can refer disadvantaged families that would welcome more food over the Christmas period. Contact school in confidence for further information or a referral. More information about the Wellspring can be found at [www.thewellspring.co.uk](http://www.thewellspring.co.uk)

**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.*