



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

We have been thinking about Jesus as the light of the world – a light to show us the right path to take in life. How can we shine as an example for others?

We have been singing: our school song, whose chorus is 'For the greater glory of God! We work and play, and we sing and pray, for the greater glory of God!' This reflects the AMDG on our school badge, which stands for *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam – for the greater glory of God.*

We have been caring about: others. When Ellie and Sarah held their Zumba session in aid of the Australian bushfires last week, they raised not only awareness but also £71.50 for the cause! We have a number of links with Australia, including with families who have been affected by this recent disaster – and Y6 are learning about this fascinating country in their topic work.

We would like to share: the fact that Bishop Mark will be attending Holy Spirit Church in Marple this weekend. It would be lovely if many of our families could attend and support Father Bill and one of our supportive parishes on this special occasion. The Saturday Vigil Mass takes place at 6.00pm and Sunday Morning Mass begins at 9.00 am: see you there!

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

We shared in last week's bulletin that Life Leisure are offering a family challenge entitled: 'Train to Tokyo'. We are pleased to say that, so far, we are second on the table of families who have taken up the challenge from across the whole of Stockport! Could we be first...? The prize is a week's free access to sport's camp activities for your child. Please email [Judith.riddings@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.riddings@stockport.gov.uk) with the names and ages of the children in the family and the school that they attend and information will be sent to you about the challenge.

Stockport School Sports Partnership have also invited St Mary's to enter their competition based around the Olympic Games which take place in Tokyo. The children have been asked to create a poster that promotes the Olympic Games. The poster can be created using any materials and be A4 size. Entries must be returned to Miss Poole no later than **Thursday 6 February 2020** for judging by our sports ambassadors.

### CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week 3-9 February is Childrens Mental Health Week. To help raise funds (with a suggestion of £1) for Place2Be – Childrens Mental Health Charity – an object, photo, picture or story of how bravery was shown can be brought in for a 'Show and Tell'. A form explaining this has been sent home with the children tonight and these can be shown throughout the week.

### PTA

The PTA AGM is to be held on 12 February 2020 in the school hall at 7 pm. Forms for nomination of PTA members are available from the school office and on the school website: these need to be returned in advance of the meeting. A description of the specific roles of the PTA committee is attached.

### PARENT MEETINGS

- Y1 parents are invited into school on 5 February at 6pm to hear about the teaching of Phonics and the Phonics Screening Check, which takes place in June.
- Y2 parents are invited into school on 12 February at 6pm to hear about how children are assessed at the end of the academic year – including discussion about Y2 SATs.



- Don't forget! The PTA AGM follows the above meeting at 7pm on 12 February. PLEASE come along as this is your opportunity to have your say/ get involved/ hear about plans for spending and make a valuable contribution to the life of our school.
- Parent/ teacher consultations will take place on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 18 March, 4-7pm. Bookings will be taken from the last week of this half term – week beginning 10 February.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
Wednesday 5 February	Phonics meeting for Y1 parents – 6pm
Wednesday 12 February	Assessment meeting for Y2 parents – 6pm PTA AGM – 7pm
Friday 14 February	Finish for half term
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	<b>INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday 25 February	Children return to school
Wed-Friday 26-29 Feb	Life Caravan in school
Tues-Fri 3-6 March	Y6 PGL Residential
Wednesday 11 March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 4-7pm
Wednesday 18 March	Parent/Teacher meetings, 4-7pm
Wednesday 8 April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production: 2pm and 7pm in the school hall
Thursday 9 April	Finish for Easter Break

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### Swimming at Life Leisure

February swimming holiday courses are running at all of our Life Leisure pools during half term (17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February). For just £33.25 children swim for half an hour Monday to Friday and build up their confidence quickly which shows in the progression they make by the end of the week. When booking both the holiday course and a term of lessons **new** customers will receive a 20% discount off their first booking of termly lessons. Please contact [swimming@lifeleisure.net](mailto:swimming@lifeleisure.net) or your preferred centre for more information.

### UK Sports Coaching

Pre-school soccer training starts in February on a Saturday from 12.30 – 13.15 at Life Leisure Dialstone, Fairway, Offerton for boys and girls aged 2 to 4.5 yrs. Please contact 07891205763 or email [info@uksportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@uksportscoaching.co.uk) for further information. There are also Activity Camps for children in Reception to Year 7. Contact the same numbers and email above.

### Kumon – Maths English

Kumon maths and English study can help your child achieve beyond expectations. Hazel Grove Study Centre are offering a free trial of this service from 1-29 February. Please contact 0161 327 2727 for further information.

Littlesports Coaching: visit [www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk) or phone 0800 0321806 to find out more about our unique football specific play programme for both boys and girls 18 months to 5 yrs and FC Academy for boys and girls aged 5-8 yrs.

## **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Our parish communities would welcome children and their families to services each weekend. Here are the times, for ease of reference:

	<b>St Mary's, Marple Bridge</b>	<b>The Annunciation, New Mills</b>	<b>Holy Spirit, Marple</b>
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Mass</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>

**Have a great weekend!**