



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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THANK YOU

I would just like to begin this Friday's bulletin by saying a really **BIG** thank you to you all. Thank you for your understanding in what has been a really 'eventful' week for you all and thank you for your compassion and kind words; it really has made a difference for us all and just what we needed to hear.

We have had to make a number of decisions in a short space of time this week and I know this has been difficult for you all. We have also sought advice on a very regular basis to ensure that we are doing all that we can to keep St Mary's open but most importantly, everyone safe. That is our number one priority, everything else will follow. Again, your support and flexibility is really appreciated and never taken for granted.

If we can be of any assistance to you or you just want a chat or further clarification on any points, then please do get in contact with us. The staff have been absolutely incredible and I just wanted to personally thank them too. Their commitment, care and love for the children has been first class and I am very grateful to them.

We will come through this tricky patch and we will come through this together, as one, as a fully united and special St Mary's, Marple Bridge community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week the children have been focusing on St Mary's 'Golden Rules' which will help us all live and support our SANCTA aims. They are; to be gentle, kind and helpful. To be honest, hard working and to always listen to each other. To be respectful and to look after property. I am sure you will agree these are fantastic models for us to aspire to.

Faith friends and Class Councillors have also been named this week. Congratulations to the following children

Faith Friends

Reception – Evie and Nicco

Year 1 - Rain and Tadhg

Year 2 - Lucia T and Caleb

Year 3 - Joseph and Annabelle

Year 4 - Jemima and Gracie

Year 5 - Ellie and Sonny

Year 6 - Joseph R and Grace

Class Councillors

Reception – Sophie and James

Year 1 – George and Paislee-Mae

Year 2 – Isaac J and Lily

Year 3 – Lucy A and Oscar H

Year 4 – Eve and Thomas W

Year 5 – William and Georgia

Year 6 – Martin and Bethany

Well done also to George in Year 6 who has been appointed as the schools' Rights Respecting School Ambassador.



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As mentioned in last weeks' bulletin, we are preparing for our Diocesan Canonical Inspection which is likely to take place this academic year and we would really be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete the interactive form which can be accessed via the link below. The more responses we get the better! Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/r/GJ7HxJTVDs>

WEDNESDAY WORD

Here is the link to this week's Wednesday Word: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/jesus?pid=MTA101634&v=36.17>

HOME LEARNING

For those children having to isolate at home presently, we have uploaded work on to the class pages in MS Teams. We are not offering 'live' teaching this time around (we hope it will be short!) but have put together comprehensive curriculum cover via the work packs.

FAMILY CAMP

HUGE thanks to our wonderful PTA who arranged a magnificent 'Family Camp' last weekend. The weather was kind and I know that everyone had a brilliant time! Without your commitment, energy and good will events such as this would not be possible. We are really thankful for all that you do in support of St Mary's.

POSTPONEMENT

Unfortunately, we are taking the decision to postpone any events scheduled for September. This includes 'Meet the Teacher' drop ins and our 'Special Friends Assembly.' Thank you for your understanding.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Arrival time will remain at 8.45-8.55am, with all pupils in class for registration by 9.00am; the end for the school day has returned to 3.15pm for all pupils with Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils, for the time being, collected from the bottom playground.

OPEN EVENING AT HARRYTOWN

Harrytown High School will be holding their open evening on the 14th of October 2021. **Please see attached flyer for more specifics.**

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

There is a cross country race at Woodbank park on Saturday. Children **must be** accompanied by an adult. **The races start at 10.30am.** We would advise arriving 15 minutes beforehand so that we can warm up and explain the layout of the race to the children. Please find and check in with Mrs Coupes on arrival who will be overseeing the event this weekend. **Good luck team!!**

COMMUNITY NEWS – LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT

Rose Queen Hannah will be crowned at Mellor Fête on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd October. Please join us at dusk on the same day for a 0.8 mile lantern-lit forest and fields walk from Mellor School (depart 6:30pm), up through Knowle Farm, through the churchyard and on to the Parish Centre by 7:30pm for hot drinks (hot chocolate included in ticket price, and paid bar available). Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lights-in-the-night-tickets-169677456841>
Lantern-making ideas to follow over the next weeks <https://www.facebook.com/mellorrosequeen>.
If you're not crafty, just bring anything pretty that lights up.
We are fundraising for Music in Hospitals and Care <https://mihc.org.uk/> and Mellor Church.

WELLSPRING HARVEST WISH LIST

Once again, we are supporting this fantastic charity. **An attachment was sent with last week's bulletin.** If you are able to support and donate that would be brilliant! Donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off with the school office.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Do the right thing isn't always the popular thing; but it's the best thing.

Wishing everyone a well-deserved and happy weekend!

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole