



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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St Mary's Parish: <http://stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk/>

Holy Spirit Parish: <https://www.holyspiritmarple.com/>

**Bulletin Number 7: Friday 15 October 2021**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week, the children have been focusing on St Joseph. Year 1 planned, recorded and led a beautifully liturgy looking at the importance of families and the responsibilities parents have to protect, care, guide and nurture and how St. Joseph did this for Jesus. In class we explored the theme of Joseph the worker – reflecting on key workers and how people work hard for their families and work to keep children safe.

It was lovely to join an Act of Worship on Wednesday which was led so beautifully by members off Year 5. It has been a long time since we have gathered together as a school family in prayer and the children were a real credit.

Mrs Thompson and I met with Father Daniel last Friday to look at ways to support children making their First Holy Communion at St Mary's. It was a fruitful meeting and we discussed various options at length. We are aware that we may have a number of candidates in Years 3, 4 and 5 who are eligible and we are very keen for children to have the opportunity of making this special sacrament if they so wish. We are confident that it will happen this year. Before making any concrete decisions we would be very grateful if you could follow the link below to express an interest, one form completed per child. Many thanks.

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

In keeping with this topic and coming from a slightly different perspective, Father Bill from Holy Spirit has been in touch to let us know that pupils in Year 4 may now be potential candidates for the First Sacraments programme at Holy Spirit. If you wish for your child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please get in touch with Father Bill as preparation will start at the end of October. Fr Bill Fitzgerald - 07929446490 [fitzgerald123@btinternet.com](mailto:fitzgerald123@btinternet.com)

### Please see Mass timings below for the parishes.

Saturday - St Mary's, Marple Bridge, 6.30pm, Holy Spirit, 6.00pm

Sunday - St Mary's, New Mills, 9.00am, St Mary's, Marple Bridge, 12.00, Holy Spirit, 9.00am

**Survey Number 3!** Please can you spare a couple of minutes to complete the interactive survey form which can be accessed via the link below. This is our final survey to support our preparation for the forthcoming DCI inspection and it is focused around Collective Worship at St Mary's. Many thanks for all your help over the past weeks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VM92LqD8XQ>

## WEDNESDAY WORD

Here is the link to this week's Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=39.20>



## **SPECIAL FRIENDS ASSEMBLY**

**AMAZING** – Sometimes you are just blown away by something and this was most certainly the case this morning. From the crowds at the door to the anticipation building inside; we knew we were in for something wonderful. Congratulations to both Year 6 and Reception who have now joined forces and each of them have been allocated a special friend. Year 6 spoke and sang so beautifully making their promises to always look after and care for their friend. It truly was a magical event and one that we will always remember. As Reception begin their journey at St Mary's I have every confidence that they will be in safe hands, guided by the support of Year 6. Many thanks to all the teachers, the PTA and parents for all your hard work, care and support.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

There will be no cross-country club on Wednesday 20th October. This is due to a KS2 cross-country competition taking place at Marple Hall High School, 3.30pm till 5.30pm. We are inviting all of our cross-country pupils to attend this competition. On arrival, Mrs Ashton will meet the children and support the pupils at the competition. We ask that parents remain at the competition and stay with their child. Please complete the form on the attached link if your child is able to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CFUS2aNmhP>

## **DON'T STOP MOVING PLAYGROUND DISCO FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER**

Next Friday (22.10.2021) there will be another one of the PTA's incredible playground discos during the normal school day (normal school uniform).

You will have noticed the work that has commenced to install the trim trail on the top playground. Our playground discos in 2020/21 raised a large chunk of the money for this project.

Please donate what you can to help the PTA continue to make improvements at our lovely school.

<https://gofund.me/4e1d5caa>

All children will be able to participate in the disco, regardless of donations.

## **SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

The Scarecrow Festival starts THIS Monday 18th and runs until Thursday 21! See poster for all the details! Let's show how creative our St Mary's families can be. The scarecrows are being moved to Memorial Park on Friday so the children can look for them over half term.

## **STRICTLY ST RALPH**

Mrs Ashton is swapping her running shoes for dancing shoes and Miss Barnie is not singing but dancing to the 1,2,3 beat of the Waltz as they represent St Mary's in the Strictly St Ralph dancing competition which is being held at St Benedict's, Derby on Saturday 23 October 2021.

This is a charity event and the money they raise will reach out to people with mental health issues through the charity, Mind. There will be a cake sale (on the top playground) next Friday (22.10.2021) and it is rumoured there will be a sneak preview of their performance too! Please come along and support and remember; Keep donating and they'll keep dancing!!

## **PARENTS EVENING**

We are in the process of confirming arrangements for parents evening which will take place on Wednesday 10 November and Wednesday 17 November. Further details to follow in next week's bulletin.

## **CURRICULUM POWERPOINTS**

Just a quick reminder that curriculum PPTs are being added to the whole school MMB everyone MS Teams resource. We hope that you find them really useful. Any problems accessing them, then please let us know.

## **VISIT FROM HARRYTOWN**

Unfortunately, the proposed in person open evening at Harrytown had to be cancelled. I know that Mr Turmeau was bitterly disappointed but felt that in the interests of keeping everyone safe, a virtual offering was the most sensible option. As a bonus, Mrs Garret popped into school yesterday to meet Years 5 and 6 and to present them with a special goodie bag that they had prepared especially for our children. This was a lovely gesture and I know that the pupils really benefitted from the discussion.

## ST MARY'S AND LUDWORTH PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY

Please follow the link to complete the survey. This survey will close on Monday.

<https://forms.office.com/r/16nmrw4WTm>

### INSET DAY

Just a quick reminder that the first day back after the half term break, **Monday 1 November 2021**, is an Inset day and school will be closed for the children.

### A FINAL THOUGHT

**The path chosen for you may not always be the most obvious; but it will be the right one.**

*Wishing everyone a well-deserved and happy weekend!*

*Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole*

**Please see details below for our Holiday Club.**

## Holiday Club booking form for

**£20 per child per booking**

Tuesday  
26 October 2021

Wednesday  
27 October 2021

Thursday  
28 October 2021

All children will need to bring a packed lunch (NO NUTS of any kind)  
and a drink in a bottle that can be refilled if required.

In view of Covid19 the club is limited to 20 places per day and we will follow procedures for social distancing and hygiene. Club is open from 08:30 - 17:30. Children may not attend Holiday Club if they are showing any symptoms of Covid19 or have had a positive PCR result in the previous 10 days.

**All places booked must be paid by Friday 15 October at the latest.**

**As we have a waiting list your place could be reallocated if unpaid.**

**Account Name: St Mary's Kids Club Account no: 40509001 Sort Code: 01 05 51**

All enquiries/ bookings should be sent to [sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk)  
Holiday Club Manager, Laura Corbett (was Young - married last July)  
can be contacted on the school phone during Holiday Club opening or 07500 043948