



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week the children have been continuing to explore how we live out our aims through SANCTA. They have been considering questions including, *how can we respond to challenges?* to support their actions. It has been lovely to hear the children showing compassion and consideration to others and that they strive to be the best versions of themselves each day.

We are preparing for our Diocesan Canonical Inspection which is likely to take place this academic year. The purpose of the visit is to inspect and celebrate the areas of Catholic Life, Collective Worship and Religious Education. In preparation for this visit, we would like to gather feedback and thoughts regarding the Catholic Life of St Mary's. Please use the form below to share your views, they will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your time 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>

## COMMUNICATION

We have now transferred to new email addresses: soon the st-marys-marplebridge versions will disappear and all our email addresses will contain mmb instead. Any office related information should go to [vmajor@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:vmajor@mmb.srscmat.co.uk) and/or [sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk). Please note that the mmb headteacher address is currently being amended, so please direct all emails via the school office.

## FOOD UPDATES

Please be aware that an increasing number of pupils in school have severe food allergies. The number of pupils with epipens on hand, in case of anaphylactic shock, is approaching 20: our school nurse visited school on the INSET day to provide refresher training regarding medical needs for all staff. We are already a nut-free school, but it can be easy to forget. **No nuts, hummus, seeded breads or similar items are allowed in school, so please bear this in mind when planning packed lunches. We cannot stress the importance of this and we thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.**

## INHALERS

Before the summer break, any inhalers that were almost out of date were sent home. If your child requires an inhaler and we do not currently have this in school, please pop into the office with a new inhaler and spacer.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons resumed this week with Mrs Felsted and Mr Collins. We are temporarily closing the waiting list for violin and piano due to the fact that Mrs Felsted is relocating, she is unsure of the timescales but thinks that she will be with us until October half term, but is not able to commit to anything longer term. Mrs Felsted will be sad to be leaving all her pupils at St Mary's, and we will miss her greatly! Meanwhile we are in touch with Stockport Music Service to see what availability they have for piano and violin teachers.



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## MS TEAMS

Microsoft Teams should now be up and running for Year 1 - 6. Please make sure you can access the new year group teams page for your child/ren. This is where you will find important information, weekly newsletters and knowledge webs. Further information to follow for Reception and Nursery pupils. If you have any problems accessing the page, then please get in touch with the class teacher or the school office.

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Just a reminder about snacks at morning break time. Children in Key Stage 2 will need to bring in a snack for morning break time. This needs to be a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot/cucumber sticks. The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit and vegetables in the morning, as part of the government scheme, however they can bring in a snack of fruit/veg if they wish. If in doubt, check that the snack generates no rubbish or wrapping other than peel or a core!

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Arrival time has returned to 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.

## CROSS COUNTRY

We are delighted to announce that the Cross Country Club will be starting up again next week. Cross Country and Woodbank Park letters have gone out in school bags today for pupils in KS2. Please check the letter in your child's bag for further information and return the permission slip to the office as soon as possible, places are limited.

## 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.

**Please see accompanying attachment for more details.**

## WELLSPRING HARVEST WISH LIST

Once again, we are supporting this fantastic charity. **Please see attachment for further details.** 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.

## COVID UPDATE

In light of the most recent guidance, whole classes are no longer required to isolate if there is a confirmed positive case.

## A FINAL THOUGHT

Go the extra mile; it's a lot less crowded there.

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

*Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole*