



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Our Collective worship focus for this week has been on uniqueness and what makes us all as individuals and as a faith school special. Belonging to St Mary's means we are all working together. Working together to build a school that is a great place to be. Somewhere we are happy, where we have friends and where we learn and grow.

We also discussed the positive difference we can make for and to others and we are excited to let you know that we will be revealing our class charities next Friday. Many thanks for all the suggestions we have received so far from yourselves and they include; SOFT UK and The Children's Adventure Farm Trust.

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>

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you all once again for engaging with Parents Evening this week. We hope that you found the opportunity to speak with teachers valuable and you were able to gain an understanding with how your child/children have settled back into school and what they have been learning about. We really do value the partnership between home and school.

Please check your child's bag as class teachers will have sent information home linked to discussions.

WE ALL BELONG

Many thanks for joining in and supporting our Anti-Bullying drive. The children looked brilliant with their odd socks on Wednesday and made everyone smile. We have had a fantastic week linking activities and discussions to our SANCTA values of support, nurture and trust. We have also married Character Education traits together most notably compassion and a sense of justice. We are committed to equality for all and that each and every child and member of our school family and community feels valued, safe, respected and loved. Furthermore, we are determined to play our part in supporting global ideals of making the world truly inclusive. The change starts with us.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

Just a quick one. We fully appreciate that parking in and round school can be quite challenging and we understand that delays as a result, happen. We are noticing however; a few more children are arriving late or are being picked up a little late presently. Please note that the school doors open at 8.45am with **registration** being taken at 9.00am and pick up time is 3.15pm. Also, any requests to pick up early must be phoned/email through ahead of the day/time. Many thanks for your co-operation and support in this matter.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

This form is now available to collect from the school office. It will need to be completed for **any new requests** prior to any agreed leave being granted.



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IT'S BEHIND YOU...OH NO IT ISN'T...

Our fantastic PTA has arranged for all the children to go to see Dick Whittington in pantomime at The Plaza in Stockport.

This trip will take place on **7 December 2021**. The coach will leave school at 9.30am and return to school at 1.30pm. If your child has a school lunch they will be provided with one, or you can order one for £2.20.

The cost for the trip will be £12 and can be paid via Parent Pay.

SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS DINNER

On **16th December 2021** we will hold our Christmas dinner in school. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, but they wish to have one on this occasion as a 'one off', please let Mrs Major know by **Friday 4th December 2021**. After this date it will not be possible to order an extra lunch. £2.20 can be paid on parent pay or at the office. Christmas jumpers may be worn on this day as part of non-uniform (.i.e. jumper and jeans) If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, do not fear: you are not expected to buy one. You can let your child wear a favourite jumper.

CLASS CHARITIES

Class charities will be decided by next Friday (26th) Please do keep sending your suggestions in. They are greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Photographers were in school today taking individual and sibling groups. Your child will be bringing their proof home tonight, all the instructions are on there for you to place your order. The photos will available to view and order online **from Monday**. You will then have until **3 December** to place your order for free delivery to school (hopefully before Christmas!). After that date there will be a £5 delivery fee.

NATIVITY DATES

Advanced notice –

EYFS – Wednesday 15th December 2021

KS1 – Friday 17th December 2021

More information to follow regarding capacity numbers and tickets per household will follow in the coming weeks.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Rising tides lift all ships

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole