



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to our super Nursery children who led us in our Collective Worship this week. Through song, prayer and by listening to God's word we have been able to celebrate Christ the King. Thank you also to Mrs Emery who supplied each class with special resources to help deepen our understanding and to bring us closer together.

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>

PRAYER CARDS

Your child/ren will have brought home a special prayer card from Bishop Patrick this week. He is asking us as a community to join with the Pope and people around the world, in looking to the spirit for his guidance once again.

CHILDREN IN NEED

In support of this wonderful cause, Reception had a fabulous day baking and icing biscuits and making a biscuit shop ready to sell to their parents at the end of the day. They absolutely loved being shop keepers and raised a magnificent **£155**.



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.

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.



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**St Ralph
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Catholic Multi Academy Trust

EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND POLICY

This is an initiative by the St Ralph Sherwin Trust and is designed to provide financial assistance for pupils who might otherwise miss out on important aspects of their education and is intended to support those most in need. If you would like further details and to find out about the application process, then please contact the school office.

AS WE GO TO PRESS...

We are in the midst of a wonderful Christmas Fayre. A full write up will be available in our next edition.

FOOTBALL IS THE GAME

A BIG well done to the school football team who represented St Mary's superbly on Monday as they took part in the first competition of inaugural SRS Pupil Olympic Games in Derby. They played a number of 'Round Robin' matches and performed really well. Throughout the day they displayed excellent teamwork, were great sports and played with smiles on their faces! Many thanks to Mrs Ashton and Mrs Towell for taking the players and for being fantastic coaches!

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We currently run Mad Science for KS1, Cross Country for KS2 and Wellbeing Workshop on a Monday and Friday lunchtime for all year groups. We are currently planning further clubs which will be available after Christmas. Please see details below for the up and coming **Weaving club**.

We are providing the children in KS2 with an opportunity to weave in a quiet and calm environment whilst developing and expressing their creative ideas.

· **Tuesday 11th January – Tuesday 8th February 5 weeks Year 3 and Year 4**

· **Tuesday 22nd February – 29th March 5 weeks (excluding 15th March) Year 5 and Year 6**

The club will run on Tuesdays after the end of the school day until 4.15pm. The club will have places limited to a **maximum of 20 pupils. Places will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.**

SCARECROWS

The scarecrows will be taken apart by our gardeners next week and disposed of. Please collect by Monday afternoon if you wish to keep your scarecrow and/or accessories. Many thanks once again for getting involved with such a fun initiative.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your child's photos are now available to view and order online. You 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.

TRAVELLING CLUBS

Our Travelling Cribs started their journey on Thursday 25 November. Each pack contains a set of beautiful wooden figures, and additional items, to enable every family in our school to have an overnight visit from the Holy Family. Please make time to enjoy this experience, whichever day you receive the Travelling Crib, and send the pack back to school the next day, so that everyone has a turn and can be included before we break up for Christmas.

INSET DAY

Just a quick reminder that **Next Friday (3rd December 2021)** is an Inset Day and school will be closed to pupils.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Sometimes a smile is all it takes; to change a mood, a perception, how someone feels

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole