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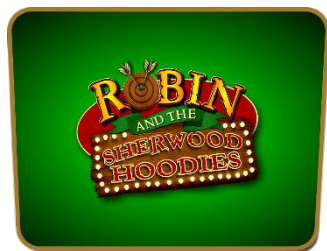
Over the past half term we have consulted with our various pupil leadership teams (Faith Friends, SANCTA Squad and the School Council), staff and governors to refresh our school vision, mission and values. Earlier in the term, the children reported that they do not own the current mission statement and they could not recall it. I am proud to present our new vision, mission and values to you now in the poster to the left. The vision, at the top of the poster, is our long-term goal, the mission path at the bottom of the poster is how we will work as a school family to journey towards our vision and our mission and vision are encapsulated in our SANCTA values. In September we will be focusing on our vision, mission and values in more detail through collective worship and in our learning time so that they are a lived reality at St Mary's; guiding every action we make as a school family, be it related to curriculum matters, policy making, relationships, behaviour or personal development. If you have any questions or comments about our refreshed vision, mission or values, please get in touch via the school office.

On Monday at 2:30pm, Year 4 will lead the final class collective worship of the year. All are very welcome.

WEDNESDAY WORD

[Here is the link](#) to this week's Wednesday Word.

WOW – WHAT A PERFORMANCE!



Year 5 and 6 performed their socks of yesterday in their end of year production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The children have worked so hard to learn their lines, songs and dance routines and the end product was certainly worth all the effort and hard work. The quality of the performance was exceptional and the children's array of talents shone for the large audience who came to watch. Congratulations children I am sure we have some theatre and television stars of the future. Special thanks

to all of the Year 5 and 6 staff who have supported the children to produce such a high quality performance. Please see your child's class Team page for photographs.

OPEN EVENING AND REPORTS FEEDBACK

Many thanks for joining us this week at our Open Evening on Wednesday. There was a strong turnout. It was lovely to see you all and we hope that you found the time to speak with teachers (current and new) and look at your child's books enjoyable and informative. We place great value on the wonderful home and school partnership we have. Just a quick reminder also, to fill in the report comments page and send it back into school before the end of term. Thank you.

Comments



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WILLIAM WRAGG MP VISITS ST MARY'S



This morning we welcomed William Wragg MP to St Mary's as he met with the School Council. The two councillors from each class presented the wonderful work they completed as part of 'Everything is Connected' week, with a particular focus on caring for the environment and looking after our common home. Mr Wragg was very impressed by the quality of the children's work and the depth of knowledge and passion the children displayed on environmental issues. The children asked questions, compiled by their classes, to ask Mr Wragg regarding the government's work to reduce the impact of climate change. Again, Mr Wragg was very impressed with the quality of questioning and was certainly

challenged as our representative in parliament to take action in this vitally important area. Mr Wragg also explained about his work as an MP and the children were fascinated. The School Council will be visiting London and the Houses of Parliament next spring and Mr Wragg looks forward to personally welcoming them to continue the conversations started today and to update them on the questions asked. Well done School Council – democracy in action and you certainly lived out our SANCTA values of aspire, challenge and nurture today.

YEAR 6 EVENTS

It is getting to that time of year where we get ready to say a fond farewell to our magnificent Year 6 class, BUT, not before they have enjoyed a few special events of their own. Please see details below and parents, you are very welcome to join us, as we reminisce and celebrate with them.

Monday 24th July 2023 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Leavers' Disco in the school hall – parents/carers are most welcome to stay and socialise during this time; nibbles and drinks provided.

Tuesday 25th July 2023 – 10:00am – Leavers' Assembly in the school hall with Y6 parents/carers invited.

Tuesday 25th July 2023 – 2:45 pm - Bubble and Confetti Release, parents welcome to watch from the top playground.

Wednesday 26th July 2022 – 10:00am – Leavers' Mass in school with parents/carers invited.

Year 6
Leavers'
Event

UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS FOR SEPTEMBER



Many parents are starting to think about uniform for September. Our supplier is Bulldog Fashion in Glossop, you can visit the shop but also [shop online](#) and they will deliver to home or school. **From September, we are moving away from rucksacks for the KS2 children and returning to traditional book bags for ALL pupils.** We have lockers for the older pupils, but the corridor area is becoming increasingly untidy and unsafe. The size of the rucksacks is becoming so large that the locker doors will not close. This is having a knock-on effect; we have children and staff who have hurt themselves on an open locker door. We are also finding that the children cannot fit all their belongings into their lockers, so PE kits, wellies, musical

instruments etc. end up on the tops of lockers or on the floor and very often end up getting lost. Book bags will be available to purchase from the start of August via the link above or directly from shop in Glossop.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2023

You can now register for this year's summer reading challenge at Marple Library! Read 6 books of your choice over the holidays – picture books, novels, comic strip books, factual, fiction – your choice: it all counts! We have won the Marple challenge and the Stockport challenge for the last few years, so it would be great to continue our success! Even our Y6 leavers, and our incoming Nursery and Reception children, can take part. Every child who completes the challenge will be awarded the Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate. Further details are available [via this link](#).



ADVANCE NOTICE – MEET AND GREET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER



On **Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th September from 3:30pm until 4:00pm**, parents/carers are invited to attend an informal meet and greet session in their child's new classroom. This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet with their class teacher at the start of the school year.

WANTED – OLD SCHOOL SHOES (ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM)!

On behalf of the Rotary Club (Stockport Lamplighters), we will be collecting old school shoes **on the last day of term, Wednesday 26 July only**. The collected shoes will then be cleaned, and where necessary repaired, before being sent to African countries to support children who do not have access to school footwear. If possible, we ask you to allow your child to bring in an old pair of school shoes that they have grown out of or no longer wear. In exchange, the children can wear their own choice of sensible footwear (trainers etc.) on the last day of term. An easy way to help others and perhaps help with your summer clear out. Thank you for your support.



SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

School's Out Take an emotional health check

Head into the summer with a better understanding of your child's brain development and their emotional wellbeing as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.

inourplace.co.uk

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by Stockport Family, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **REDROCK**

Short courses on Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager also included.

Please find to the left information regarding online courses, developed by clinical psychologists, which aim to help parents and carers (and any adult in a child's life) understand their child better and how they can support their emotional wellbeing. Currently Stockport has a licence that allows all Stockport residents to access these courses free of charge, using the code: REDROCK.

All of the courses can be completed in your own time and it is not necessary to complete a whole course to gain some benefit from it.

The link to access the courses is: www.inourplace.co.uk

KIDS' CLUB MANAGER APPOINTMENT

I am delighted to announce that from September Mrs Blanco (one of our fantastic Teaching Assistants and Kids Club employee) will also be the Kids' Club Manager. Mrs Major will continue to be involved with Kids' Club, looking after the accounts. I know Mrs Blanco will be amazing in her new role, ably assisted by our very talented and experienced team who will be there to help and support her. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Major.

New Staff Appointments

THE MONTH (OR SO) AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary.</i>
24 July	Y4 rescheduled Collective Worship at 2:30pm. All welcome!
24 July	Y6 Leavers' disco (6pm-8pm). Y6 parents are welcome to stay for nibbles.
25 July	Leavers' Assembly (10:00am in the hall). All Y6 parents welcome!
26 July	End of Year Mass (10:00am in school). All welcome! Please note change of venue.
26 July	Bring an old pair of school shoes for charity. Children can wear trainers to school in exchange.
26 July	School closes for the Summer break at 3:15pm.
5 September	School reopens following the summer break. (New Nursery and Reception parents, please see the new starter letters for details of your dates and times.)
12 & 14 September	Meet and Greet your child's new class teacher from 3:30pm - 4:00pm (following on from the open evening in July).

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.