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FRIDAY LETTER

18th January 2019

Farewell Father Greg...

Year 6 SATs meeting...

PFA AGM...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11 am

**Catholic Social Teaching Theme
this half term:**

Option for the poor and vulnerable



Saint Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children have continued to focus really well and are taking a great interest in their new topics and units of work. The teachers have taken part in Talk for Writing Training this week and we are looking forward to using this approach to improve standards of writing across the school.

Morning Procedures

The new morning procedures which were introduced during last Lent Term have been really effective in ensuring that the pupils make a calm and focused start to the school day.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of these procedures.

The staff will arrive on the playground at 8.45 am, with the whistle being blown at 8.50 am. When the members of staff arrive on the playground, parents/carers can leave if they wish and pupils need to prepare themselves to get in the line, ready for a prompt start to the school day. Please do not stand next to your child's line, as this makes it very difficult for the teachers to see the pupils in their class. If you do wish to remain on the playground to watch your child enter the building, then please stand behind the yellow line at the back of the pupil lines. Also, please do not congregate near the school gate entrance, as this makes it difficult for parents and their children to enter the playground, especially those parents with pushchairs and young children.

If your child has missed their class line, then please take them up the main path to the office.

Father Greg's Final Mass

This Sunday will be Father Gregory's final Mass at St Mary Crowned Church. The pupils and staff have created a book of memories to be presented to Father Greg at the 9.30 am Mass. We thank Father Gregory for all the Masses he has celebrated at the school and for his spiritual guidance over the years. We wish him all the best in his new parish at St Mary's, Derby. A huge thanks goes to Mrs Thorne-Marsh for compiling the book.

Come and See

A copy of the Come and See RE programme of study for the Lent term has been sent home today. There is also a list of important dates in the liturgical year.

★ Crowned as our Star Pupils this week ★	
Reception	Skye
Year 1	Frankie
Year 2	Maya
Year 3	Tiegan
Year 4	Lexi
Year 5	Magenta
Year 6	Phoebe

Awarded for inspiring others.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Next Tuesday (22nd January) there will be an information meeting about SATs for those parents/carers with pupils in Year 6. SATs week this year is the week beginning 13th May. It is really important that all parents/carers attend this meeting, so that all pupils can receive the support needed to prepare for the tests and ensure that they all achieve their potential. If you are unable to attend the meeting, then please let myself or Mr Adamson know and the information can be passed onto you.

PFA AGM

Thank you to all those parents who attended the PFA AGM, along with myself, Miss Gilmore and Mrs Hall. We had a very successful meeting and made lots of exciting plans for events over the coming year. The PFA work so hard in raising much needed funds for our children. If you are not already involved, then please have a think about joining the team to support your children and their school. We look forward to sharing news of our upcoming plans with you over the next few weeks.

Severe Weather Procedures

As possible wintery weather approaches, here is the reminder of how we will communicate any school closure. The decision to close is never taken lightly. If access to the school site is deemed too hazardous it may become necessary to close school. We will first contact all parents by text message. You should also listen to announcements on High Peak radio (106.4FM) where morning briefings detail school closures. Please make sure the school office has up-to-date mobile phone numbers so we can reach you.

Glossopdale Foodbank

This week, we have received a letter of thanks from the Honorary Secretary of Glossopdale Foodbank, thanking the pupils for their wonderful Reverse Advent Collection. In March, the funding that the Foodbank receive from the Lottery Fund will come to an end, so initiatives like the Reverse Advent ensures that the Foodbank can continue to reach out to families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Peak Active Sports

The children had lots of fun in assembly on Monday, as Mark from PAS gave the pupils a glimpse into the fun activities that take place at the after school PAS sessions. PAS sessions start next Tuesday, 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm and are open for pupils from Reception to Year 6. If you are interested in your child taking part in the sessions, then please ask at the office for a form.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 7th January to 11th January

R	85.6%
Y1	96.2%
Y2	98.4%
Y3	97.4%
Y4	96.5%
Y5	97.7%
Y6	97.2%

Winners: Year 2- Well done!

Lent Term Diary

Tuesday 22nd January
Year 6 SATs meeting
(after school)

Thursday 24th January
Chaplaincy Team session with
Joe Hopkins (rescheduled)

Parents Drop-In:
Come and meet Mr Ackers
2:45pm or 6:30pm

Monday 4th February
OfSTED Executive Board
Meeting

Friday 15th January
School finishes for half-term