



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## FRIDAY LETTER

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Basketball Tournament...

#### Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11 am

### Have a Heart Disco...

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

*Option for the poor and vulnerable*

### Awards Assemblies invitation...



Saint Ralph Sherwin

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children have experienced a range of activities and engaged in some really interesting lessons, including a strange letter that arrived from a mythological curator detailing that a dragon egg had been discovered on our school premises! Year 6 have been investigating and corresponding with the curator. We will keep you up to date when we have more information! We have had great success in the basketball and the pupils from the Chaplaincy Team have started to make lots of plans for acts of worship in the school and future fundraising events.

#### Basket Ball Tournament

A report by Anthony and Benjamin from Year 6:

Recently, Year 5 and 6 participated in a basketball tournament at Glossopdale School, Hadfield. We played against 4 different teams. In our first game we won four points to two. The points system was any hoops scored counted as two points.

We scored first (Anthony) from close range which put us 2-0 up. Then our opposition scored 2-2. Then towards the end of the game Cole scored an amazing shot from quite long range. It was a great shot which didn't even touch the rims! The ref then blew his whistle for the end of the game.

In our second game we didn't play as well. We lost 2-0. We weren't marking the opposition which made us very lucky to not to have conceded more. Then we played our last game ... We had a very tight game and many shots were missed. Either team could have won. It was a draw.

Luckily we were in the top two and would go through to the partnership basketball tournament. We can't wait for it and we will also be training with Mrs Wilson who we would like to thank for starting our basketball afterschool club. (Letters out to Years 5 and 6 on Monday.)

#### St Philip Howard Taster session

The Year 5 pupils really enjoyed their taster morning at St Philip Howard this week. They took part in a PE lesson and learnt lots about ball handling in basketball and rugby. Noah said, 'I really enjoyed the sports lesson and I learnt a lot about how the way that we behave is important in sport'. All the pupils are really looking forward to their next taster session in March.

#### 'Have a Heart' Disco

The PFA are busy making plans for a disco for the children on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. EYFS / KS1 4pm until 5:15pm and KS2 5:30pm until 7pm. Children can come dressed in party clothes. Look out for posters with more details. The PFA are always looking for new members. If you'd like to support us in any way, please come to speak to me.

★ **Crowned  
as our  
Star  
Pupils  
this week** ★

Reception	Neve
Year 1	Isabelle
Year 2	Carter Y
Year 3	Sam and George
Year 4	Tymon
Year 5	Jakub
Year 6	Oliver Ka

*Awarded to someone for  
using kind words.*

### **Violin Performance**

On Friday 15th February, you are all welcome to attend the Friday morning assembly at 9 am to come and watch our talented Year 5 pupils in their violin performance. We are really looking forward to seeing the children using their talents and expressing themselves through the art of music. This will also be our Half Term Honours assembly, when pupils from all classes will be awarded for different aspects of school life. All parents and family members are welcome.

### **Chaplaincy Team Fun**

On Thursday, our wonderful Chaplaincy Team really enjoyed their session with Joe Hopkins, Lead Lay Chaplain from the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT. Joe is currently supporting the children in developing their roles in the team and in facilitating and leading worship across the school. Ruby from Year 5 said ' We learnt a lot about team building and it was great fun for all. I enjoyed making plans for helping others in the future.'

### **Attendance and Lateness**

A letter was sent out to all parents last week related to the school's procedures in regards to lateness and attendance. Please ensure that you return your slip to school indicating that you have read the letter. As a school, we are here to support any families who may be struggling in getting their children to school on time and we are available if anyone wants to discuss anything with us in relation to this. As part of their roles in school, Miss Gilmore and Mrs Hall will be monitoring lates and attendance across the school, and supporting those families who may need some help in this area.

### **Meeting Mr Ackers**

Mr Ackers, Executive Headteacher, held two meetings yesterday to introduce himself to parents and make known his vision for the school. Thank you to all those parents who took the time out to attend the meeting, it was useful for both SLT and the parents. In the near future, we will be developing a Parent Council, which will provide parents with the opportunity to share their views on the school and work with the Senior Leadership Team to help move the school forward. Your continued support is really valued by all members of staff at school. Thank you!

### **Year 6 SATs Meeting**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting. We were really pleased with the amount of families that came along. Boosters will start next week at 8 am, look out for the letter from Mr Adamson stating the day/s on which your child is invited to attend the booster session. Thank you to all those teachers who are taking up their own time and leading the sessions and thank you to the parents for getting the children up and ready for school at 8 am! Toast will be provided for all pupils after the booster session.

### **Awards Assembly**

Next half term, all parents and family members will be invited to attend our Awards Assembly on Friday mornings at 9 am. This is the perfect opportunity to bring all members of the school community together and it would be wonderful for the pupils achievements to be recognised and celebrated by everyone. We are also introducing the 'Cool Outside School' award during the Friday morning assembly. Children will be asked to bring in any awards, certificates or trophies that they have achieved outside school during the week and they will be presented with them in front of the school. These could be sporting awards, Music certificates, Guiding/Scouting badges, anything that displays the children's gifts, talents and interests.

### **Parish News**

We said goodbye and thank you to Father Greg last Sunday by presenting him with a lovely message book. He was moved by the gesture and sends his best wishes to our children and their families. This weekend we look forward to welcoming Father Martin Sylvester as our new parish priest of Saint Mary Crowned and All Saints.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

### **Class Attendance for 14<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January**

R	84.4%
Y1	97.7%
Y2	98.5%
Y3	96.7%
Y4	95.5%
Y5	95.5%
Y6	95.8%

Winners: Year 2- Well done!

### **Lent Term Diary**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
OfSTED Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
'Have a Heart' PFA Disco

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Violin Performance 9am  
Half term Honours  
School finishes for half-term