



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

www.st-marysrc.derbyshire.sch.uk

[@saintmaryscatholicvoluntaryacademyglossop](https://www.facebook.com/saintmaryscatholicvoluntaryacademyglossop)

FRIDAY LETTER

7th December 2018

Pantomime...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am

Admissions...

Catholic Social Teaching Theme this half term:

Dignity of the Human Person

PFA Christmas Fair...



Saint Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have now entered the season of Advent and our week began with a whole school worship during which we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath. The children reflected upon this time of year, as a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Saviour at Christmas.

As well as preparing our hearts during this season, as a school we are also focusing on the act of giving through our Reverse Advent initiative. Thank you to all those families who have already donated items for the Glossop Food Bank, we are building up rather a collection in the school hall. Remember to look at your child's letter from class to check on their donation date. Many thanks for your support.

Parents Meeting

Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening led by Sean McClafferty, CEO of the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT. We are looking forward to progressing as a school with the support but also challenge and scrutiny from the trust. On Monday, the school will be conducting a Governor Review day. During this day, the school leadership team will be joined by Kate Mann (our Director of Performance and Standards) another outstanding headteacher and the Governing body to monitor all aspects of teaching and learning in the school. The day will culminate with the OFSTED Executive Board Meeting, chaired by Sean McClafferty. During this board meeting, the Leadership Team will present evidence to support progress towards the lines of enquiry from the OFSTED and actions from the School Improvement Plan will be discussed in great depth. Before the end of term, Sam Buller, the Chair of Governors will present the findings of this meeting to all parents and members of the school community.

Chaplaincy Visit

Last week, Joe Hopkins, Lead Lay Chaplain from the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT visited the school to record our video for the trust Mass and to work with our Liturgy Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session with Joe and they developed more of an understanding of their role in promoting the spiritual development of their peers and in leading class and whole school worship. Thank you very much to Mrs Hall who worked with Joe and the Liturgy Council throughout the day. Joe will also be visiting school in the final week of the term to support the leadership team in planning for developments in Collective Worship and the Catholic life of the school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our board of governors for a Parent Governor. We will issue a full job specification, and information about what the role entails, if you would like to express an interest in the role, then please email: clerk@st-marysrc.derbyshire.sch.uk Experience in HR is essential.

★ Crowned as our Star Pupils this week ★	
Reception	Theo
Year 1	David
Year 2	Toby
Year 3	Sophia H
Year 4	Megan
Year 5	Bobby
Year 6	Phoebe

Awarded for displaying fairness and equality

Headteacher's Award-
Codie-Leigh- for progress in her work

St Ralph Sherwin CMAT INSET day

Last Friday, all members of staff travelled to the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield, to gather with all the schools in the trust in celebration of the Feast Day of St Ralph Sherwin. There were many inspirational speakers throughout the day, and the celebration culminated in a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney. All members of staff felt uplifted by the experience and proud to be part of the trust.

Open Days for Prospective Parents

The school held two very successful open days on Wednesday for prospective parents for the 2019 Reception intake. It was wonderful to show new and current families around our school and to promote all that our school offers in educating the whole child. Thank you very much to Miss Gilmore and the EYFS team for their hardwork in preparation for the open day. There will also be another open day for Prospective Parents on Wednesday January 9th 10.15 am- 11.30 am. Spread the word!

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

All pupils from Year 1, through to Year 6 had lots of festive fun at Stockport Plaza, watching a performance of Sleeping Beauty yesterday. We all really enjoyed the show and had lots of laughs, and all the pupils were extremely well behaved. Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to help on the day and to Mrs Boardley who worked very hard to arrange this whole school trip for our pupils.

Partington Theatre

In our other Pantomime news, as a school we offer a big thank you to James Done who provided the school with free tickets to attend a preview of The Pied Piper Pantomime at Partington Theatre. I know that lots of our families really enjoyed the show and it was wonderful to see some of our own pupils performing with such confidence. Thank you James and all involved with the production!

Christmas Parties

The school will be hosting Christmas Parties for all our pupils.
Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Party- Friday 14th December
Key Stage 2 Christmas Party- Monday 17th December
On your child's party day, they can come into school wearing party clothes.

Lost Property

The amount of items in the lost property box is increasing each week. As a school we don't have the capacity to store these items for long periods of time. There is a Lost Property Box in the main corridor by the school reception area, so please come and have a look if your child is missing items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. On a Thursday, each week, we will also set up a table in the reception area displaying all the lost property and if items are uncollected, they will be bagged up and sent on to a good cause.

Admissions

The closing date for applications for Primary school places is midnight on Tuesday 15th January 2019. Application forms can be made by phone, on paper or online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. A supplementary form also needs to be completed and returned by the closing the date.

Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy is consulting on changes to our admissions arrangements which will take effect for the academic year 2020-21. The consultation will run from Monday 3rd December until Monday 14th January. Details of the changes and how you can submit comments can be found at <https://srscmat.co.uk/admissions> and a link can be found on the homepage of our school website.

KSI Christmas Show – Wednesday 12th December

To help us get the children dressed and prepared for the 6pm show, **all** children in Year 1 and 2 need to return to school at 5:30pm for the evening performance.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 26th -30th November

R	94.5%
Y1	97.6%
Y2	98%
Y3	95%
Y4	95%
Y5	94%
Y6	98.2%

Winners: Year 6- Well done!

Advent Term Diary

Friday 7th December
PFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11th December
Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party at Whistle Stop Cafe
Wednesday 12th December
KSI Christmas Show 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 13th December
EYFS Nativity play 2pm
Friday 14th December
KSI & Reception Christmas Party
Monday 17th December
KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th December
KS2 Christmas Worship 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 20th December
Advent Mass and Christmas Dinner
Christmas jumper day
Friday 21st December
School closes for Christmas holidays at 3:15pm

Monday 7th January 2019
School reopens for Lent Term
Wednesday 9th January
Open day for prospective parents 10:15 – 11:30am