



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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FRIDAY LETTER

11th January 2019

School Development Plan...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11 am

Bikeability...

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

Option for the poor and vulnerable

PFA meeting...



Saint Ralph Sherwin

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful break with your families over the Christmas and New Year period. All the children have started back with a very positive attitude this week, eager and ready to learn, during such an important term for progress in the school year. We have had a very busy week with visits from Kate Mann (Director of Performance and Standards), Becky Hill (Data Manager at the Trust) and Adrian Francis (Educational Consultant). All these visits have ensured that we have had a focused and rigorous start to the half term, with data analysis, reviews of the School Development Plan and monitoring of teaching and learning in all classes. A summary of the School Development Plan is now available on the school website, if you require a paper copy of this plan, then please ask at the school office.

Executive Headteacher Meeting

Mr Ackers began his role as Executive Headteacher at the school this week. Drop-in meetings will take place with Mr Ackers on Thursday 24th January at 2.45pm or 6.30pm. During this meeting, Mr Ackers will introduce himself and then be available to answer any questions.

Balance Bike ability

This week, our Reception and Year 1 pupils have had lots of fun in developing their skills on the balance bikes, during their Bikeability sessions. They have enjoyed navigating their way around obstacle courses and learning different techniques. These sessions will run during the school day for four weeks.

Sacramental Programme

Those pupils who have enrolled on the Sacramental Programme have received letters today, outlining the programme and all the important dates. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 12th May at 9.30 am in St Mary Crowned church. A date for Reconciliation will be decided upon when Fr Martin Sylvester starts at St Mary's.

Applications for Reception 2019

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 (see

★ Crowned as our Star Pupils this week ★	
Reception	Poppy
Year 1	Minnie
Year 2	Riley
Year 3	Jack
Year 4	Olly
Year 5	Zeke
Year 6	Jake

*Awarded for making a great star
to the New Year*

Headteacher's Award-

Jessica Bowler

school website) also needs to be completed and returned by the closing the date.

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, but in the meantime, 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.

PFA Annual General Meeting

The PFA AGM will take place on Wednesday 16th January at 3.30pm in the school hall. The PFA raise much needed funds for the school and run events that help bring all members of our school community together. Please come along to the meeting, all are welcome and the team are actively seeing new members. There will be a 'colouring corner' available for your children during the meeting, so there is no need to worry about childcare!

God bless,
Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 17 th December- 21 st December	
R	90%
Y1	94.6%
Y2	93.5%
Y3	97.4%
Y4	92.7%
Y5	93.5%
Y6	93.1%

Winners: Year 3- Well done!

Lent Term Diary

Tuesday 15th January
Closing date for Primary
Admissions

Tuesday 22nd January
Chaplaincy Team session with
Joe Hopkins
Year 6 SATs meeting (after
school)

Thursday 24th January
Parents Drop-In:
Come and meet Executive
Headteacher Mr Ackers
2:45pm or 6:30pm

Monday 4th February
OFSTED Executive Board
Meeting

Friday 15th February
School finishes for half term-
3.15pm