



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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FRIDAY LETTER

14th December 2018

Christmas Performances...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am

Governor Review Day...

Catholic Social Teaching Theme this half term:

Dignity of the Human Person

Advent Mass ...



Saint Ralph Sherwin

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week in school, we held our first Governor Review Day. Myself, the Governing Body, Kate Mann (Director of Performance and Standards), Ann King and another Headteacher from our trust worked together to monitor and review different aspects of school life. The day began with a review of data and then learning walks around the school. We also interviewed the pupils about their experience of the teaching of Writing in the school. All parties present spoke very highly of the pupil's behaviour and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. The day culminated in the Ofsted Executive Board Meeting, chaired by Sean McClafferty, CEO of the CMAT. Samantha Buller (Chair of Governors) will be sharing a report from this meeting with parents by the end of next week.

Christmas Performances

There has certainly been a real festive feel around the school this week, with Key Stage 1 and Reception performing their Christmas Plays to our school community.

The Key Stage 1 pupils performed 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to hear such beautiful singing and a real joy to see the children's acting skills on display. The addition of percussion performers showed great musical promise in some of our pupils too.

On Thursday, our Reception pupils put on a sterling performance in their Nativity Play. It was amazing to see children of such a young age conducting themselves in the way that they did. The children remembered their lines really well and were so loud and clear with their singing. We certainly have lots of stars of the future in our school!

Thank you very much to the EYFS and Key Stage 1 members of staff, who have worked so hard with the pupils in preparing them for these performances. In addition to this, the school would also like to thank James Done for helping us with the lighting for the performance. It is wonderful to see all members of the school community working well together.

Advent Mass

On Thursday 20th December, at 9.15 am Father Gregory will be celebrating Mass with the school community. It would be wonderful to see as many of our school community as possible at the Mass, during this Advent season. Look out for your invitation in your child's bag!

This will be Father Gregory's final Advent Mass with our pupils, as Bishop Patrick has assigned Father Gregory to a parish in Derby. He will be moving at some point during January and Father Martin Sylvester will become the new parish priest for All Saints and St Mary Crowned.

Crowned as our Star Pupils this week

Reception	Arria-Rose
Year 1	Jimmy
Year 2	Heidi
Year 3	Connor
Year 4	Angus
Year 5	Jamie
Year 6	Luke

*Awarded for progress and
attainment in Maths*

Headteacher's Award-
For preparing so well for the
coming of Christ our Saviour
during Advent.

Kelsi

Year 6 SATS Results

Our wonderful results from last summer's Year 6 SATS tests are now available to be viewed on the government's website (a link can be found via the school website). In Reading and Maths, our pupils exceeded the local authority and national average.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances

We are all really looking forward to our Key Stage 2 Performances of the Nativity next Wednesday at 2pm and 6pm. It is extremely important that all pupils from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 attend both performances, as without everyone's attendance the performance will not be as effective.

Pupils in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will need to wear Christmas Jumpers, along with their school trousers/skirts. Please can the Christmas jumpers be brought into school on Wednesday in a bag with their name clearly labelled on it.

On the Wednesday evening Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils need to arrive at school for 5.45 pm. Year 6 pupils need to be at school for 5.30 pm so that they can change into their costumes.

Parents and family members are also invited to an Advent reflection and Christmas Carols on the last day in the school hall at 2.30pm.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party- Monday 17th December

On your child's party day, they can come into school wearing party clothes. Sensible shoes please!

Christmas Jumper Day

Remember our Christmas Jumper day next Thursday (20th December). All pupils need to bring in a donation of £1 for this worthy cause. Christmas Jumpers can be worn with the children's own clothes.

Open Days for Prospective Parents

Reminder: There will be an open day for Prospective Parents on Wednesday January 9th 10.15 am- 11.30 am. Spread the word! 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.

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 Christmas Fair

A big thank you to our PFA who worked so hard to organise the Christmas Fair last Friday. Thank you also to all those families who attended this important event, in raising money for our school. There was a wonderful festive atmosphere and I know that lots of our families really enjoyed this event.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 3rd December- 7th December

R	94%
Y1	97%
Y2	98%
Y3	92%
Y4	97%
Y5	93%
Y6	97.9%

Winners: Year 2- Well done!

Advent Term Diary

Monday 17th December

KS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 19th December

KS2 Christmas Worship 2pm and 6pm- **All KS2 pupils to attend both performances.**

Thursday 20th December

Advent Mass- revised time of 9.15am

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper day

Friday 21st December

Christmas Carols and reflection- 2.30pm

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