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FRIDAY LETTER

1st February 2019

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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,

Another fun and busy week in school, as the snow finally arrived! Thank you to all those parents and carers who brought their children into school on Wednesday. We will always try and stay open in adverse weather, as long as the roads and school grounds are safe for the pupils and their families. Lots of the classes had fun exploring the wintery weather, writing winter poems and playing in the snow! Year 1 have had lots of fun learning about polar bears and their habitats.

'Have a Heart' Disco

Your child will receive a flyer next week with information about the 'Have a heart' disco on Wednesday 13th February. EYFS / KSI 4pm until 5:15pm and KS2 5:30pm until 7pm. Children can come dressed in party clothes. The PFA are always looking for new members. If you'd like to support us in any way, please come to speak to me. Next week your child will be bringing home a letter with more information about the PFA and the support that you can offer.

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.

Awards Assembly

Another reminder that 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.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Next Thursday at 9 am it is the Year 4 class assembly. The pupils are really looking forward to showing the whole school community everything that they have learnt about World War II. All parents and family members are welcome.

★ Crowned as our Star Pupils this week ★	
Reception	Charlie
Year 1	Mabelle
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Caesar
Year 4	Sophie
Year 5	Blaise
Year 6	Rita

Teacher's Choice this week.

Headteacher's Award –

Olly – Year 4

Parent Questionnaires

Next Monday, your child will be receiving two questionnaires asking for your views on homework and communication. We will collate all the responses from these questionnaires and look at ways in which we can improve in these areas for the benefit of all. The questionnaires need to be returned to the school by Monday 11th February. A letter will also be sent home over the next few weeks to ascertain those parents/carers who are interested in joining the Parent Council.

School Tuck shop

Thank you for everyone who supported the tuck shop during the last term. From the money raised the school was able to provide snacks and drinks during the whole school Christmas Pantomime. Costumes are also purchased for the Christmas plays, along with gifts and food provided for the Key Stage 1 Christmas Party. Tuck shop is £1 a week, or 20p per day. Thank you to Mrs Armitage and the parent volunteers who help prepare the tuck shop each morning.

Year 6 Whitehall Residential- 3rd July - 5th July 2019

Thank you to all those who have sent in the £10 deposit for the Whitehall residential in July. The total cost of the trip is £155 fully inclusive. Payment cards have now been set up for each child and payments can be made towards the trip whenever you wish.

Maths Master Class

Angus and Ethan from Year 4 and Caesar from Year 3 had a fun and informative day at the Maths Masterclass at the University of Manchester on Thursday. Thank you to Mr Adamson for accompanying the pupils on this day. Angus said "The day was brilliant because we got to do lots of Maths activities like Maths countdown." Ethan commented "The university was huge and I am looking forward to going to university to study medicine"

Three of our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be taking part in the English Masterclass later this term.

Severe Weather Procedures

With the current weather forecasts, here is a 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 that we can reach you.

Follow us on Twitter!

The school are now using Twitter as another platform for communicating to parents in regards to school events, Catholic Life and the pupils' achievements. Please follow us at @stmarysglossop.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Nomination forms will be available in the school office from Monday morning – 4th February. The closing date for the return of forms is next Friday 8th February at 3pm. The election date will then be announced in due course.

Change 4 Life

Each child has today received a copy of 'The adventures in Sugar Smart World'. It is a fun sticker booklet which encourages them to make healthy choices by choosing everyday swaps to reduce sugar consumption.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 21st January to 25th January

R	85%
Y1	96.5%
Y2	93.5%
Y3	96.5%
Y4	97.9%
Y5	91.5%
Y6	98.3%

Winners: Year 6 - Well done!

Lent Term Diary

Monday 4th February
OfSTED Executive Board Meeting

Thursday 7th February
Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 13th February
'Have a Heart' PFA Disco

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