

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome

Welcome back to a new academic year at Holy Rosary. There has been lots happening over the summer including changes to the school building, routines, the curriculum and as of the 1<sup>st</sup> September, our name. We are now Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy, part of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust – a group of 25 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools in Derbyshire. We are excited about opportunities this collaboration will bring for our pupils and for our community, as we share ideas and resources with other Catholic academies across the county. Our pupils have settled in well and are positive about the changes to our new routines. On Monday after school, we've planned a 'Meet the Teacher' session so please collect your child from their classroom – if you have more than one child, please collect your youngest child first. You can read about all our procedures in our Parent Home-School Handbook which is available on the homepage of the school website (a paper copy will be handed out at the Meet the Teacher event on Monday).

## Academy Masses – Hall - 9:15 am

22<sup>nd</sup> October

17<sup>th</sup> December

## Class Masses – St. Joseph's - 9:30 am

Year 2 and 3 – 24<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> November

Year 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 and 6 – 15<sup>th</sup> October

Reception, year 1 and 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> November

If you are able to walk to mass with your child's class, please inform their teacher.

## Term/INSET Dates

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|--------------------------|---|
| Autumn 1                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                     |
| Autumn 2                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec                                      |
| Spring 1                 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                      |
| Spring 2                 | 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 12 <sup>th</sup> April                                   |
| Summer 1                 | 29 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                   |
| Summer 2                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                    |
| INSET<br>(School closed) | 30 <sup>th</sup> November<br>15 <sup>th</sup> February<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> July |

## Key Dates

### Sept

17<sup>th</sup> – Water Awareness Week

Meet the Teacher – 15:30

21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 Residential at The Briars

28<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9:00

28<sup>th</sup> – Wear Anything Day - £1 for PTA

### Oct

5<sup>th</sup> – CAFOD Family Fast Day

13<sup>th</sup> – Hill Street Charity Concert – 19:00

17<sup>th</sup> – Tempest Photographs

22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Book Look

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Bikeability

## Nov

12<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying Week

30<sup>th</sup> – INSET – School Closed

## Dec

3<sup>rd</sup> – SEND Parent Consultation - 15:30

10<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Progress Reports

12<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations - 14:00-18:00

14<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Fayre

19<sup>th</sup> – Early Years Christmas Performance

20<sup>th</sup> – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

21<sup>st</sup> – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance

Stay fully up to date with our [calendar](#). Autumn trips will be shared in future newsletters and you will be contacted directly by class teachers. Parish events will be added in future newsletters.

## Class Assemblies – 2:00 pm

Year 6 – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Year 4 – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Year 3 – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Year 1 – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Year 5 – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Reception – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (9:30 am)

## Extra-curricular (Autumn 1)

Most letters have been sent out for these clubs; however, there may be spaces. Please speak to the school office if your child is interested.

|       | During school | After school                  |
|-------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Mon   | Music Tuition | Choir<br>Football             |
| Tues  | -             | Netball                       |
| Weds  | -             | HR Harriers<br>Girls Football |
| Thurs | -             | Tennis                        |
| Fri   | Homework      | -                             |



*Building loving hearts and strong minds, in union with God and each other.*

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## Statements To Live By

Please take some time with your child to talk about these ideas to help them understand that they are made in God's image and likeness:

We are all special. I can say one good thing about myself, say how I feel, laugh and have fun.

## Parent Home-School Handbook

A link has been sent out on Class Dojo to the Parent Home-School Handbook. Please take the time to read it – the handbook includes all the information you need to navigate your way around Holy Rosary. All parents will be given a paper copy at the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday.

## Staff changes

We would like to welcome Miss Sanderson and Mr Heath to our teaching staff. We hope you settle in well. We'd also like to say goodbye and offer our sincere thanks to Mr Smith, Mrs Sylvester and Mr Jinks for your many years of service to the school. We wish you all the best as you seek new opportunities. Remember you are always welcome to pop into school. We hope you come in and see us soon.

## Parent Forum: Community Conversation

The first Parent Forum: Community Conversation took place on Wednesday afternoon. Parents, staff, governors and our newly elected school councillors contributed their views about Holy Rosary as they see it now and shared their hopes for the future. From this collective input, the aims for the next 12 months are to:

- increase parental involvement
- improve ICT provision
- develop the walking bus to improve traffic issues in the immediate local area.

If you are able and willing to support Holy Rosary through volunteer work, taking an active role in our PTA, supporting school events or in any other capacity, please speak with the school office who will put you in touch with the right person.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the event – let's now start the work to achieve our aims.



## School Council

The school council has now been formed following nominations, hustings and voting. Around a third of the pupils in years 2-6 applied and 27 members have been elected. All the candidates should be proud of their confidence and courage to put themselves forward and deliver their speeches to their peers. Our first meeting takes place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 where we will discuss and vote on our priorities between now and Christmas.

## Data Return

Please check and amend your information held by school on the sheets sent out this week and return to the school as soon as possible.

## PTA

Our PTA is a community group of parents and teachers who offer time and ideas to improve the school. This ranges from painting fences to organising events like discos and seasonal fayres to raise money so that our pupils can have better experiences whilst at school. This year, the priority is to fully resource the curriculum our children deserve – they will fund experience days for every class, buy cooking and gardening materials and contribute towards improving ICT within the school. Everyone is welcome to support. You don't have to attend all the meetings. If you can help in any way, contact: [pta@holynosary.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@holynosary.staffs.sch.uk) or speak with the office staff who will put you in touch with the right person.

## First Holy Communion Programme 2019

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to join the programme at St Joseph's, registration forms will be available in Church from Sunday, 9th September. Please complete and return the forms to Church by Sunday, 30th September at the latest.

There will be a meeting for all parents and children wishing to take part on Thursday, 4th October in St Joseph's Church at 6:30pm.

## Parking

We are working closely with all members of our community to improve the parking situation at school. Mrs Wells has developed an action plan after meeting with local residents and the parking enforcement team and we need your support with it. Developing a calm, orderly drop off and pick-up system will not only improve the wellbeing of and good feeling within our community, but more importantly, minimise the risk to your child's safety.

Please **do**:

- Use the walking bus
- Park away from school and walk using the 'Park and Stride' parking point
- Treat other road users with respect
- Drive slowly and safely
- Set a good example to others.

Please **never**:

- Drop off on the zig-zag lines outside school
- Park on double yellows
- Park in front of residents driveways
- Be aggressive in front of children
- Get into arguments.

## Academy/Secondary School Application 2019.

Letters have gone out to all year 6 pupils regarding applications for secondary schools. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the office.

The best way for parents to apply is [online](https://www.holynosary.staffs.sch.uk/secondary-school-applications) and applications opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

**Next Newsletter:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018