

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust Headteacher's Meeting

Last week, Mr Brogan attended the first St Ralph Sherwin Headteacher's meeting of the academic year. All 25 Headteachers from the schools across the CMAT were there to discuss the levels of support on offer to improve our schools, including the core offer, school improvement support, chaplaincy, finance, human resources and more.

Kate Mann, a serving Headteacher, is our Director of Performance and Standards. Her role is to support and monitor the work being carried out at Holy Rosary and feedback on reports from the school to Sean McClafferty (Chief Executive Officer of the CMAT) at half-termly Ofsted Executive Board meetings.

There are 6 formal meetings for Headteachers planned across the year and Mr Brogan will update you on the key messages after each one.

We thought it would be a good idea to give you a list of abbreviated terms (related to the CMAT) that may be used in communication from the school.

SRS - St Ralph Sherwin

CMAT - Catholic Multi Academy Trust

CVA - Catholic Voluntary Academy

CEO - Chief Executive Officer

DoPS - Director of Performance and Standards

NRCDES - Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service

The CMAT website is currently being built; however, you can find out general information here:

<http://srscmat.blogspot.com/>

### 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 – 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

Aut/Advent 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Aut/Advent 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Spr/Lent 1	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Spr/Lent 2	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Sum/Pentecost 1	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Sum/Pentecost 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 19 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET	30 <sup>th</sup> November
(School closed)	15 <sup>th</sup> February
	22 <sup>nd</sup> July

### Key Dates

#### Oct

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

12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Curry Night

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

27<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations, Rec to Year 5

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.



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## 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/Advent 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 Recorder	Choir Football
Tues	-	Netball
Weds	-	HR Harriers Girls Football
Thurs	-	Tennis
Fri	Homework	-

## Statements To Live By

Please spend 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.

## Year 6 Briars Residential

Last week, year 6 went on residential to the Briars which is situated in Crich, Derbyshire. It is the first time in many years that the school has visited the Catholic retreat centre.

On the way, we stopped off at the Heights of Abraham, took cable cars up to the top of the hill and explored the caves.

At the Briars, we were put into small groups and over the weekend, we worked on our team building skills, liturgy preparation and learnt to seek out the best in ourselves and each other.

On the way home, we stopped off at Oxygen in Derby before arriving back in Burton.

If you'd like more details about what we did, you can come in and see the display we are making about our residential.

## Water Awareness Week

During Water Awareness Week, each class worked with representatives from South Staffordshire Water Education Outreach Team, to help pupils learn about how to improve our water efficiency.

Assemblies were led to kick start the 3-day programme, before the team led workshops with each class.

The children completed various activities, including:

- being water detectives
- creating a game on water costs
- writing and performing a water efficiency jingle.

The team sent us an email after the programme to thank us for a brilliant 3 days and they praised the children's behaviour and engagement in the sessions.

## Data Return

Please return data forms as soon as possible.

## SRS CMAT Christmas Card Competition

Look out for the letter which gives details about the SRS CMAT Christmas Card Competition. All entries should be handed into class teachers by Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

## Parent Handbook

If you require a Parent Handbook, paper copies are available from the school office. An electronic version can be downloaded from the homepage of the school website.

## PTA Curry Night

The next PTA event is on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October from 7:30-11 pm. It is an event for **adults only** so call in the babysitters, grab a bottle, buy a ticket from the office (for the very modest price of £5) and join us in the hall. Bring your own alcohol.

Everyone is welcome to support either by attending or by volunteering. Remember, to support the PTA, you don't have to attend all the meetings or events. If you can help in any way, contact: [pta@holyroary.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@holyroary.staffs.sch.uk)

## 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 are now available. Please complete and return the forms to Church by Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

There will be a meeting for all parents and children wishing to take part on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. If you would like to attend our next meeting, please speak with Mrs Wells.

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.

**Next Newsletter:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018