

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER – 7/12/18

Encounter

Last Friday, we joined the other 24 schools of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in Chesterfield for a shared inset day. Over 800 staff from the 25 schools of the CMAT attended the event. The theme of community ran throughout the day and, as a staff, we came away feeling a stronger sense of unity with our CMAT colleagues. Bishop Patrick led Mass at the end of the event, where he challenged all within our school communities, during the season of Advent, to focus on the spiritual theme of 'encounter'. He said, "I would like to ensure that people of all ages in our parishes, schools and chaplaincies are helped to discover, or discover more deeply, the importance of a personal ENCOUNTER with Christ, so that they can become convinced that they are each loved by God and are invited to grow in their relationship with him." We hope you are able to make this a reality as you prepare for Christmas.

The next Ofsted Executive Board meeting takes place on Thursday, 13th December. In the next update, I'll feedback some of the key themes discussed. In the meantime, please give us your views which I'll be sharing with the members of the OEB. Follow this link, register and complete the short survey to have your say: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>
Stay up to date with all the latest events by reading the newsletter, view the [school calendar](#), [Class Dojo](#) or follow us on Twitter [@HolyRosary](#)

Academy Masses - Hall - 9:15 – All Welcome

17th December – Year 3 leading

Class Masses – St. Joseph's - 9:30 – All Welcome

Thanks for joining us for class masses this term. Dates for the Lent term to follow.

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

Term/INSET Dates

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

Extra-curricular (Autumn/Advent 2)

	During school	After school
Mon	Music Tuition Recorder	Choir Football
Tues	Liturgy Club	Handball
Weds	-	HR Harriers Girls Football
Thurs	-	Football
Fri	Homework	Multi-Activity

Newsletter Paper Copy

If you would like a regular paper copy of the newsletter or wish to be added to the mailing list, please speak with the office staff.

Next Newsletter: 21st December 2018

Key Dates

Dec

7th – Christingle Event – 14:45 Assembly
8th – PTA Breakfast with Santa – 10:30-12:30
10th – Autumn Progress Reports
12th – Parent Consultations – 14:00-18:00
14th – Christmas Jumper/T-shirt Day
PTA Christmas Fete 15:30-17:30 NO ASSEMBLY
16th – School-Parish Mass – 17:00
19th – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30
20th – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9:30
21st – Achievement Assembly – 13:30
Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 14:30
22nd – Holy Rosary Harriers Park Run - Rosliston
Autumn trips will be shared by class teachers.

Class Assemblies for Parents – 2:00 pm

Year 3 – Friday, 1st February 2019
Year 1 – Friday, 8th March 2019
Year 5 – Friday, 10th May 2019
Year 2 – Friday 21st June 2019
Reception – Thursday, 18th July 2019 (9:30 am)

Statements To Live By

Please spend some time with your child to talk about these ideas to help them understand the importance of belonging to and playing an active role in a variety of communities: *I try to love others as I love myself - I try to follow our school and classroom rules - I know I belong in a community that includes my school - I know we are happiest when we are united.*

Music Share Winder Wonderland

Thank you to everyone who joined Mr Mansfield and the choir on Tuesday evening in Swadlincote. The concert was a brilliant community event which raised £467 for the South Derbyshire Organ Fund.



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

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Modeshift Stars Award Winners 2019

We are proud to announce that we have been recognised as Staffordshire's Primary School of the Year for our commitment to sustainable travel. Thank you to Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Everett and all of our volunteers for their support with our plans. If you want to help in any way, please contact the school office.



Walking Bus

Our Walking Bus route from the Freemason's Hall on Ashby Road is now in full operation with volunteers leading the bus every day. If you would like to register your child for this, please contact the school office for an application form.

Arty Ems Officially 'Good'

Congratulations to Emily and her team on their recent Ofsted inspection. Arty Ems offers an incredibly valuable service to our school community. Contact Emily on 07977591441 for more information about the service on offer.

Year 5 and 6 Careers Event – The Real Game

On Wednesday 19th December, years 5 and 6 will be taking part in STEAM careers sessions. The Real Game is a 2 hour session aimed at building careers knowledge and raising aspirations. The session will challenge them to think about their future career paths, the job roles within their communities and skills required for each. There is a particular emphasis on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math roles to raise awareness of STEAM careers. The session aims to empower pupils to think about their future and build self-awareness of their own skill set.

NPQH Success

Congratulations to Mr Brogan who found out this week that he has successfully completed and been awarded the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Volunteering and Class Support

We want to encourage any parents who have some spare time and want to support the school to volunteer. If you feel you could offer time to your child's class or the school in general, please speak with your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Wells (community@holyrosary.staffs.sch.uk). We'll fund all DBS checks and give you jobs you feel comfortable with.

PTA Christmas Fete

Join us after school on Friday, 14th December for the PTA Christmas Fete where you will be able to buy Christmas Crafts, enjoy a mulled wine, eat a warm mince pie and watch performances from our pupils. Pupils can bring up to £3 in a named wallet or purse to spend when classes visit the fete during school time between 1:30 and 3:30.

PTA Christmas Craft Making Event

Fancy making some Christmas Crafts for the fete? Join the PTA team at Holy Rosary on Monday at 6pm to help out.

Reports and Parent Consultations

Parents will receive progress reports on Monday, 10th December. Parent consultations are on Wednesday, 12th December. Please complete your slip and return to your class teacher by Monday.

If you have already received your child's learning programme or classroom plan, this replaces the progress report.

Remember, if you have questions relating to your child's progress, contact their class teacher.

Parent View Survey

Please take 5 minutes to give your views on the school. Follow the link below, register and complete: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Holy Rosary Harriers Park Run - Rosliston

Each half-term, the Holy Rosary Harriers will be joining our wider community of runners at a Park Run event nearby. The first one we will attend together is on Saturday, 22nd December. Everyone is welcome to walk, jog or run with us. Just turn up and take part. For more information on the events, go to: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/rosliston/>



Achievement Assembly – 21st December 2018

We will be having an Achievement Assembly at 13:30 on Friday, 21st December due to the year 5 and 6 Christmas performance taking place for their parents at 14:30.

If you attend the assembly, we are happy for you to take your child home with you after the Achievement assembly.