



Thursday 10 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

### **Catholic Life: Faith in Action**

Last week, Class 7 shared a wonderful Act of Worship around their RE Topic 'Journeys'. The children shared many of the different journeys they have been on through lives and the journeys Jesus took through his life explaining that these are represented using the liturgical wheel, which each class have been given one to display in their classroom. Class 7 also talked about the different religious journeys, for example pilgrimages people take to visit special places such as Jerusalem, the City of Peace. The singing was beautiful and the message clear – we are given courage through the Holy Spirit when the world seems tough.

In our bid to Live in Solidarity with the Poor we have received lots of food donations and toiletries. A huge thank you to the staff, parents and carers who have donated so far. We kindly ask that you keep these donations coming in. After half term, we are going to set up a clothing bank too, a system will be developed where uniform and clothing can be regularly donated to school. As we approach February half term, we ask our families to take this as an opportunity to go through any unwanted uniform – jumpers, trousers, skirts etc – that might now be too small. If so, we would love to take them off your hands providing they are in a good and clean condition. We will ensure these items will be distributed to families in need.

### **Celebrating Achievements**

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Stephanie K, Theo R, Leyana M, Oreoluwa JO, Alex SH, Noah T, Elsie C, Hazel S, Holly S, Lorcan MCH, Grace N, Lewis N and Maura K.

A special mention goes to Willow H for being nominated Best Scout; Maddie Sharpe for her achievements in Dance; Emelia J for being awarded her 25m swimming certificate; James J for winning his football league and Noah T for receiving his Award 1 in swimming. Congratulations to you all.

### **Parking**

Can we please say a massive thank you to our parents and carers who have been following our advice and parking away from school. Unfortunately, there still appears to be a minority of families who park up on Fox Street which causes a huge safety concern to our families. Last week, we were notified of cars parking back to back whilst mounted on the pavement making it impossible to cross the road safely; furthermore, it is illegal to park on double yellow lines. In addition to this, we have received a complaint from one of the local businesses due to one or two families parking in the turning just passed our school, causing employees to not be able to exit or enter their place of work. This is not a carpark, it is an entrance to a local business and we politely ask parents and carers to not pull in to this area.



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### **Safer Internet Day**

On Tuesday, all classes in school supported Safer Internet Day, which this year focused on the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. To support parents and carers in having effective family conversations around respect and relationships online when gaming, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some Top Tips for under 11s, alongside a series of short video clips around 'Family Conversation Starters'. Find out more by following these links:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/films> - and scroll down to 'Films for parents and carers'

**Don't forget...** tomorrow Friday 11 February we will be holding a 'Dress to Express' day and we invite children to donate £1 to come into school wearing clothing to express themselves as part of Mental Health Week. Pupils and Staff could wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they are feeling; it can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day will also provide a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community. Please make your £1 contributions through ParentPay.

### **Changes to Childs' Records**

May we please take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers to notify the school office – [admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys.derby.sch.uk) – with any change of address, mobile numbers or emergency contact details so that the school can ensure pupil's cards are up to date.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 11 February - Dress to Impress Day (voluntary donation £1)
- Friday 18 February – Last day of term
- Monday 28 February – INSET
- Tuesday 1 March – Children return following half-term
- Friday 8 April – Last day of term
- Monday 25 April - School re-opens for the Pentecost Term
- Friday 27 May – Last day of term
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term
- Friday 1 July – INSET
- Friday 22 July – Last day of term

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

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