



School Newsletter

29th March 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Assemblies and Liturgies

Thank you to Sapphire Class for leading us in an assembly focussed on Mother's Day last Tuesday. It was a lovely reminder of all our mothers do to help and care for us. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Children's Stations of the Cross will be taking place on Fridays at St John the Baptist each Friday in Lent, 5th & 12th April. Please try to support it.

Indigo Class will be leading us in a **Way of the Cross** service on Thursday 4th April at 9.15am. All are welcome to join us.

Please note that the date of Orange Class Liturgy is changing from the 9th May to the 16th May

Pupil Safety – Scooters

I had a worrying email followed by a conversation with a concerned parent who saw a child scoot behind her car as she was turning it having dropped off her children. It may not have been a pupil; it could have been a preschooler, but he apparently shot behind her as she was reversing and a 'near miss' occurred. Obviously she was shaken up and wanted me to know and to let you all know.

The trouble is, we want to encourage our children to scoot and exercise; nobody wants to be a killjoy. However the reality is that once our children are on scooters it is very hard to regulate them and they shoot along and get out of eyesight and calling range very quickly. Children don't check for drives or reversing vehicles; they aren't vehicle aware and we really don't want a tragedy to happen – as I'm sure you agree it can be difficult to spot a small child, especially if they appear suddenly.

Please rehearse with your children safe scooting – that they are aware of the limits and where they should stop to let you catch up. Also that they are aware of etiquette towards pedestrians, especially in the alleyway. Drivers; do be aware of children on scooters and the hazard they present – particularly around Russell Hill. We also need parents of children scooting to be super careful and vigilant. Thank you.

Margaret Roper Golf Day

Mr Vellacott is kindly organising this – it was great fun last year and we hope for a decent uptake this year – all standards are welcome. See the attached flyer.

PTA News:

EVENTS: SPRING FAYRE

What a fabulous event! A massive thank you to everyone for all their support, be it, promoting, selling tickets, collecting, sticking, creating and genuinely working so extremely hard to make our fayre such a success!

Thank you to our teachers who came along and who took on the inflatables, no mean feat!

A special thank you to our 'creative crew' Jo Wiley, Tania Sidoli, Carly Hession and Emma Byrne – I'm sure you will agree their creative vision transformed our playground, pavilion and hall into a vibrant 'Spring' setting. And blessed are our 'Face Painters' who worked so tirelessly throughout the afternoon without a break. Thank you for all the wonderful cake donations and to our fabulous cake bakers who made such amazing yummy cakes on the day! AC Saldua, your beautiful cupcake bouquets for our raffle were a total masterpiece, your kind donations boosted raffle sales and certainly made our raffle more exciting! Thank you!

Editor's note – Amazing work from all the PTA to have such a great day – thanks Louise and everyone – the children really enjoyed it.

School Lottery - FIRST DRAW – 30TH MARCH – 8PM - We've Launched!

Thank you to everyone who have signed up for our school lottery, with 94 tickets sold this currently equates to a projected Annual Fund of £1,955.20 raised for our school. I'm sure over the coming weeks/months this figure will increase with more tickets being purchased. Thanks everyone and good luck!

Want to be in next week's draw?

Go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for *Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School*

Second Hand Uniform & Frozen Pizza Sale – Thursday 4th April

Want to be our summer term ready? Why don't you pick up a couple of summer dresses or a few short sleeved shirts before the Easter break, one less job for the Easter holidays!

The schools electricity will be turned off during the holidays, hence we're selling off our left over Spring Fayre pizzas. Don't miss out, stock up for the holidays!

The Margaret Roper Kindness Rocks Project

Over the Easter holiday please join us in our Kindness Rocks Project. Paint stones in bright colours with a kind message, hand them out to someone who may need cheering up or leave them somewhere for someone to find. Please also bring one back to school for us to create a colourful, kindness rock garden. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Match Funding/Voluntary Organisation Schemes

A big thank you to Helena Brown and to PWC, Helena's employer. Helena entered our school into their Community Stars charity project scheme and awarded £250.00! Huge gratitude to Helena for taking the time in writing a successful application!

Thank you to Bianca Dixon, Y1 parent, and to her colleagues at Barclays Bank for applying for Match Funding for our Spring Fayre event. We very much hope our application will be successful – will keep you posted!

Does your company have a 'Match Funding' scheme or a volunteer donation scheme in place? This is an incredibly easy way to raise well needed funds for our school. All we ask is for you to ask. Thanking you in advance.

Diary Dates:

30th March – First School Lottery Draw

4th April – Second Hand Uniform and Pizza Sale

Attendance and punctuality awards this week

Attendance and punctuality awards both went to Violet Class. Well done!

Sports News:

On Friday we hosted the inaugural Catholic Schools Girls' football tournament. Eleven schools were present and the afternoon was played in lovely sunshine. The football was excellent and the Margaret Roper team won their league with two draws and three victories. Margaret Roper then played St Chad's in the semi-final, winning 1-0 and faced St James the Great in the final. Unfortunately St James the Great (who are the borough champions) were too strong in the end, but we held them to 2-1 and were deserved runners up. Well done to all who played: Charlie M, Aimee, Megan, Micaella, Jasmine, Lulu, Richandy, Faithful and Gabrielle. You made us very proud.

	Stars of the week	Star Writer
Red Class	Ella & Matteo	Dara
Orange Class	Tristan & Liam	Rose
Yellow Class	Julia & Sophia W	Anna
Green Class	Harry & Carla	Valentina
Blue Class	Louis & Sophie	Erin
Sapphire Class	Frankie & George	Freddie
Indigo Class	Alfie & Charlie	Logan
Violet Class	Charlie M & Thomas W	Adam

House of the week: St Bernadette. Well done!

Parish News

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: We are looking to recruit a new volunteer/s for Children's Liturgy coordinator at St. John the Baptist church. This can be a shared role. If you are interested or would like to discuss this role please contact Becky Roberts at the parish office. We can provide a hand-over by Becky Hession who is now standing down after a number of years.

Catechists needed for the First Communion Programme November 2019 - May

2020: Looking ahead to next year's programme at St. John the Baptist, we would like to recruit some new catechists to the team, both men and women. Grandparents may particularly be attracted to this role in our parish. If you enjoy working with children and helping to nurture their faith, please contact Canon John at johnweatherill@rcaos.org.uk or our lead catechist, Jean Gardner, at 1stcommunionsjb@gmail.com for more information and a taster session during the current programme.

"Boogie & Balti" – Saturday 15th June 2019

Tickets available from Becky Roberts rebeccaroberts29@aol.com or Cindy Piper cinders_lee@yahoo.co.uk

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