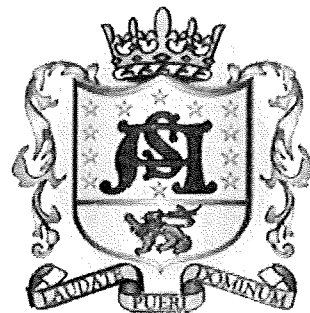


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Weekly Newsletter

29th March 2109

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, our CMAT lay chaplain, Joe Hopkins, worked with some Year 5 children and some members of the chaplaincy team from St. Thomas More (Year 9s – it was lovely to see those familiar faces!) to prepare and deliver a Lenten liturgy to the whole school, focusing on The Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross tell the story of Jesus' last day on Earth as a man, His journey to the cross and His crucifixion. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. Our children were so engaged and really enjoyed the experience – our chaplaincy team of the future! Thank you to Joe for coming to St. Anne's and working with our school in a joint enterprise with St. Thomas More.

Interviews for the High Peak CMAT schools' Lay Chaplain

Joe, who've I've mentioned above, is the lay chaplain for all the schools in our CMAT, five secondary and twenty primary. The geographical area of the St. Ralph Sherwin CMAT is vast: reaching from Glossop in the north, to the city of Derby, Swadlincote and Burton-on-Trent in the south. As a result, Joe is not able to support all our schools on a regular basis so it has been decided that the High Peak schools will share a new lay chaplain. We will be interviewing two excellent candidates on Monday, 1st April and some children from each school will be involved in the interview process. I'm really looking forward to receiving the support of a lay chaplain who will have a visible presence in school and will help us to develop the Catholic life and Collective Worship aspects of religious education at St. Anne's. I will let you know next week who's been appointed.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Our children who are making their First Holy Communion in May, will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday, 30th March. Reconciliation means 'being at peace'. The children will talk to either Father Gerry or another priest, tell them something they've done wrong and the priest will forgive them on behalf of God. Please remember our children in your prayers.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that EYFS/KS1 parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 2nd April and for parents of KS2 children on Wednesday 3rd April. Please sign up on the sheets on the boards outside KS1 and KS2 or, if you do not drop off/collect your child, send a message to your child's class teacher on Dojo with a preferred time and she will arrange this with you directly. I will be available on both evenings if you wish to speak to me personally.



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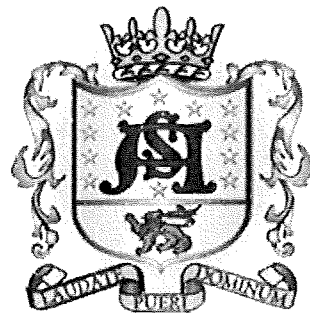
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Traffic calming petition

Last week, I received a call from a reporter from the Buxton Advertiser. They had been informed, by one of our parents, of the petition we have in school asking Derbyshire County Council to provide traffic calming measures outside our school, for the safety of children and families crossing Lightwood Road. You may have seen that our story has been reported in this week's edition of the paper so please either read the article online, check out their Facebook page or buy a paper – it's on the front page! If any parents have not yet signed the petition, please ask at the office in the main reception area.

Parking outside school

As some of you may have noticed, because of the publicity in the local paper, we received an unannounced visit from a police officer this morning at drop off time, who spoke to a number of parents about not parking in the bus stop or too close to the Brown Edge Road and Lansdowne Road junctions. The police officer assures me that he will keep monitoring the situation so please ensure that you park safely and legally!

Mums/Female Carers Afternoon

This took place TODAY from 1 - 3pm. We hope everyone had a fantastic time!

Prayers

Please pray for all our family and friends who are ill, worried or need our prayers. In particular, please pray for all those who have died or lost their homes as a result of Cyclone Idai in the African countries of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Upcoming Events

There are a number of new events, details of which we'll be sharing shortly but in the meantime, please check newsletters/Dojo/school website and app – don't miss out!

Finally, a very Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday!

Yours faithfully,

JME Wiggins

Julia Wiggins - Head of School

