



St. Anne's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

November 4th 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a happy and safe break. In Mass yesterday, we heard the well-known story of Jesus meeting with Zacchaeus, one of the most commonly used stories from the Gospels that focuses on forgiveness. Zacchaeus was not a sympathetic character (being a tax collector!) but Jesus knew that he was lost and had the capacity to change. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus because God loves us all. We all have the capacity to change for the better, adults and children, and being able to recognise that and ask for forgiveness is the first step. I will be talking to the children about forgiveness in assemblies this week.

Remembrance Day

We will be holding a Remembrance Day service on Monday 11th November at 10.45am. Tony Owens, a former pupil of St. Anne's and an ex-RAF service officer, will lay the wreath and sing at the service. We're very grateful to Tony for agreeing to do this for us. There will be a two-minute silence at 11am to remember those who died in the two world wars and other conflicts across the world. Please come and join with us in remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom – all are welcome.

Calling all knitters and crocheters!

Some of you may have seen the article in Pure magazine recently about a lady in Buxton who is requesting support in knitting or crocheting 1,000 angels which will be hidden around the town each Sunday in Advent. Emma Wilson is the Befriending Development Co-ordinator for community support group Connex and the angels aim to spread the word about loneliness and how the organisation can help. There are more details in this month's Pure but if you feel you would like to help, please either: call into Connex on Eagle Parade, ring 01298 23970 or email emmaw@connex.org.uk

Non-uniform Day Friday 15th November for Kaoma Children, Zambia

As many of you know, our school was founded by sisters of the Presentation Order. The Kaola Orphanage was founded in 1995 by a sister of the Order to care for babies and children whose parents had died of HIV/Aids and the Kaoma Children's Aids Project provides for teens who have outgrown the orphanage where they were raised. As well as providing food and shelter, school and college expenses are paid for by the project, enabling students to go on and study to become self-reliant thus benefitting the whole community. It would be lovely if we could support this cause by making a £1 donation for children not wearing uniform on Friday 15th. Thank you for your continuing generosity in thinking about our global neighbours.

The Snowman at The Octagon

Brilliant news! We have been able to secure seats for the whole school to attend a showing of The Snowman, accompanied by a live orchestra, at The Octagon on December 10th at 1.30pm.



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There will be a voluntary donation payable of £8 per child – further details and permission forms will follow nearer the date. If any parents/grandparents/friends would like to help us in walking the children to and/or from the venue, please let me know – unfortunately, we are not able to source any additional tickets for the performance.

Bibles for every child

The Bible Society (in agreement with Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocese) have provided free and at greatly reduced cost, bibles so that each child in the school will have their own, age appropriate, copy of the Bible. These have now been delivered but I would like them to be presented to the children by Father Gerry. We have been provided with presentation stickers for each bible but they need to be stuck in to over 250 bibles which, as you can imagine, is very time consuming! Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to help with this? It's not a particularly exciting job but a personalised gift will mean so much more to a child. Please contact me if you can spare the time to assist, thank you.

Dates for your diary

A very busy half-term awaits us, here are some of the events we've planned for November but also keep your eye on Dojo, FOSA Facebook page and the school website:

Friday 8th November – Welly Walk 1.30 pm (re-arranged date) children and staff only

Tuesday 12th November – Stay and Learn Maths 8.50 am – 9.30 am – all classes

Monday 18th November – EYFS/KS1 Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Wednesday 20th November – KS2 Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Wednesday 27th November – Open Afternoon for EYFS starters 2020 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Thursday 28th November – KS2 Film Night 5.00 pm

Friday 29th November – Grandparents' Afternoon 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm followed by Tea and Cakes
3.15pm – 4.00 pm

Prayers

In November, we remember all those who have died. Please pray in particular for a teaching assistant colleague in another Buxton school, who died suddenly over half-term. 'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.'

As always, if you have concerns or issues you'd like to speak to me about, please do not hesitate to phone or email me jwiggins@sa-rc.co.uk

Yours faithfully,
JME Wiggins

Mrs. Julia M E Wiggins - Headteacher



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