



11th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after a very sunny Half Term Holiday! We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with your families.

Catholic Life

Our thanks to the PTA for purchasing a beautiful statue of sleeping St Joseph for each class. Whilst sleeping, Joseph received messages from God. We are all encouraged to put our prayers into Joseph's hands and dreams, asking him to 'sleep on it' renewing his role as a merciful and protective father.

This week our children have spent time watching the next CAFOD national assembly which focused on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation *Fratelli Tutti* which asks us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, whoever they are, wherever they may come from. We are all challenged to turn outwards and think of ourselves as one global family, becoming neighbours to all. *Fratelli Tutti* is a radical challenge to us all, a new dream for a world after coronavirus. It turns the world upside down, placing human dignity at the centre. CAFOD believe this means moving towards a world where all can flourish and no one is beyond reach of the love and support that they need.

Parents and carers can access the assembly by following this link. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/National-assemblies>

Outings

As the national restrictions have begun to lift, we have been able to start to plan to take classes on school outings again! This week, Year 3/4 and 4/5 have walked to Matlock to look at the River Derwent as part of their Rivers topic. We look forward to other classes enjoying school trips in the near future!

Stronger Together

All of the schools within our Trust have begun learning to sing the song "*The Best That You Can Be* - a song for Derbyshire". Rachel Wilkes from the Derbyshire Music Partnership is coming into school each week to work with our Year 4/5 children to learn this song. Ten children will then be selected from this class to represent our school, and will hopefully join the other schools within our Trust at Derby Theatre on Tuesday 6th July 2021, as we come together to celebrate the Trust Stronger Together event! (This may change if Government guidance does not allow). Further details for selected students to follow.



Extra-Curricular Achievements

Now extra-curricular activities out of school are beginning to open, we would like to encourage children once more to bring into school any awards/certificates etc. they may receive for activities they enjoy outside of school. These can be brought into school each Friday, and will be celebrated during our Achievement Assembly. We do really value all of the achievements of our children and love to hear about their diverse hobbies!

Important Dates

- Monday 14th June 2021-school photographer! All children to come to school in full uniform please (Year 3/4 please bring PE kit to change into)
- Monday 21st June 2021-INSET day-school closed for students
- Thursday 24th June 2021-South Peaks Sports for selected KS2 children at Darley Dale Primary School (5.45pm-6.30pm)
- Tuesday 6th July 2021-Stronger Together Trust Event (selection of Year 4/5 students – see above)
- Tuesday 13th July 2021-Sports Day (details to follow as to whether parents are able to attend, when further guidance is released)
- Tuesday 20th July 2021-Year 6 Leavers Assembly (details to follow)
- Thursday 22nd July 2021-Last day of this academic year

Together we say a prayer from Pope Francis-A prayer for our Earth

[Pope Francis' A Prayer For Our Earth | CAFOD - YouTube](#)