

22nd October 2021

### Dear Parents/Carers

As we have come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work. Firstly, the children have been a delight to teach. They have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have engaged exceptionally well within their lessons. Thank you to our parents/carers. We are so grateful for your continued support. Finally thank you to our whole staff team who have worked extremely long hours, regularly covering absence when staff members have been required to isolate, and always ensuring our children receive the very best. We look forward to an exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> half term as we prepare for Christmas.

## **Catholic Life**

Thank you all for your kind donations for Harvest. These have been sent to the Homeless centre in Matlock.

Thank you all for any cash donations which have been sent in for Ashgate Hospice-so far we have raised £400 through our Strictly Saint Ralph event! Good luck to Mrs Barratt and Mrs Walsh tomorrow night when they will be dancing with all of the other schools within our Trust!

#### **Pupil Parliament**

Our two Pupil Parliament representatives, Amy Mould and Chloe Oldbury are preparing to represent our school at their first face to face Pupil Parliament Day after Half Term! Here, they will work with children from the other 24 schools focusing on the following themes: Community, Local Community, Environment and Sustainability, Equality and Diversity and Fundraising. We look forward to sharing updates with you all!

#### **Road Safety**

This week we received the following information from Derbyshire County Council regarding the crossing on Chesterfield Road:

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions in schools and a number of enquiries from the community a site census has been undertaken and the duty times for Chesterfield Road Matlock have been reviewed.







The outcome of that census means that the patrols duty times will be changed to 8:15am to 9:05am and 3:15pm to 3:50pm.

The duty times accommodate the busiest period for this patrol site. With the knowledge of all the schools start and finish these times also offer a sufficient amount of time for travel to and from schools when using the site. These changes will take effect after half term

Have a wonderful Half Term holiday everyone.

Regards

Mrs Chadbourne

# **Important Dates**

- W/C 25<sup>th</sup> October-Half Term holiday
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021-Back to school
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021-Remberance Mass for all children in school
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021-Children in Need (more details to follow)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021-Trust INSET Day-school closed to all children.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021-Break up for Christmas.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021-All children Back to School







St Ralph Sherwin, Holy Priest and Martyr,
You have shown us the deep joy that comes from
trusting in God, and the great things that can be
done when we live how Jesus wants us to each day.
Pray for us that we may also follow Jesus with
the same commitment and love, so that we may
experience his perfect loving friendship and then
to have the courage, to share it with all we meet.
'today not tomorrow.'

Amen



