



15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Catholic Life

Next week our children will be participating within a CAFOD Go Green day. This will include donations for Harvest. We would be very grateful if children could bring in any donations of food, that is not fresh or perishable (eg-tins, packets). This collection of food will be donated to Jigsaw Food Bank in Matlock. Please bring in food donations from Monday 18th October. The last day for donations will be Thursday 21st 2021.

Strictly Come Dancing!!!!!!

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Walsh are dancing at our Trust event, Strictly St Ralph on October 23rd at St Benedict's! As a school we are raising as much money as possible for Ashgate Hospice and know their performance will most defiantly be a 10 from us!

We are extremely proud of them for volunteering to represent our school! If any parents would like to support this very worthy cause, please bring cash donations to the school office!

School Uniform

Please remember that all children should wear their full Winter uniform after October Half Term. This includes a school tie. On PE days, please can children wear the full school PE uniform-no patterned sweatshirts should be worn. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Year 6 Children

Any children currently in Year 6 should register their chosen Secondary School by October 31st by following the link below:

[Secondary school admissions - Derbyshire County Council](#)



Open Day

Please let any prospective parents of children who are due to start Reception in September 2022, or Nursery aged parents, that they can visit our wonderful school for our Open Day on Monday 18th October 2021 at 10am or 2pm.

Midday Playworker Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for two Midday Playworkers. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for this role, please show them the link below. Applications cannot be made directly to the school, but should be sent to our Trust, full instructions are provided within the advertisement.

[Midday Playworker x2 - St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Matlock | St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust \(srscmat.co.uk\)](#)

Friends of St Joseph's

We have always been very fortunate to have dedicated parents who have supported the school to raise additional funds by hosting various events throughout the school year. Over the past 2 years, this has been limited due to the National Pandemic. However, we are wanting to arrange fundraising events. If you would like to join Friends of St Joseph's please speak with the school office.

Christmas Dinner!

It does seem very early to be discussing Christmas Dinner, but we need to gather information regarding how many Christmas Dinners to order! Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th December 2021. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they are very welcome to have Christmas Dinner on this day. If you would like to pre order a Christmas Dinner please phone the school office by Friday 22nd October. Children who usually have school dinners will automatically be ordered a Christmas Dinner.

Regards

Mrs Chadbourne



Important Dates

- Friday 22nd October 2021-last day of Half Term.
- W/C 25th October-Half Term holiday
- November 1st 2021-Back to school (all children wearing full Winter Uniform) **Please note there will be no school swimming or PE on this day so please can all children wear full school uniform (no PE kits). Swimming will resume as normal the following week.**

Harvest Prayer

Please follow the link below to share a beautiful Harvest prayer

<https://youtu.be/deWzXXTQLf8>