



16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Catholic Life**

Last Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, was Education Sunday. To mark this day, Bishop Marcus Stock (Chairman of the Catholic Education Service) issued a message to all who work in Catholic schools. In it, he thanks school staff for their dedication and professionalism particularly during the past eighteen months. I would like to thank all staff members at St Joseph's Matlock for their continued hard work and dedication.

This week, Miss Doxey has attended the Bishop's Day Conference, which focused on Catholic Character Education. We look forward to building on how these messages are truly embedded within our school.

We have also held a beautiful Welcome Back to School Mass, led by Father Robbie. This was a wonderful experience, celebrating being back together as a school community.

### **Covid 19**

We are experiencing an increased number of families who have positive cases of COVID 19 within their households. This is to be expected with the increased number of cases nationally.

Current government guidance advises all those who are identified as close contacts to arrange a PCR test. There is no requirement to isolate unless the individual is experiencing COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID 19.

We strongly encourage all close contacts to arrange a PCR test. This will hopefully mean we limit the number of positive cases within school as much as possible, protecting our whole school community.

### **Strictly Come Dancing!!!!!!**

We are delighted to announce that schools within our Trust are entering a Strictly St Ralph competition! Here, two dancers from each school will perform in a fun dancing competition towards the end of October 2021, with each school competing against each other for the Glitter Ball trophy! I am delighted to announce that Mrs Walsh and Mrs Barratt will be representing our school! By entering this competition we are hoping to raise lots of money for our schools chosen charity, Ashgate Hospice.



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We are very thankful to both Mrs Walsh and Mrs Barratt for volunteering for this, and know they will absolutely shine!

With this in mind, we are holding our first fundraising event! There will be a Strictly Come Dancing Non Uniform Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Children are encouraged to come in their own clothes (if they would like to wear something sparkly this would be great!) in exchange for £1. All proceeds will go to Ashgate Hospice.

Further fundraising events for Ashgate Hospice will be announced in the year.

### **Matlock Show**

Thank you for all of the entries for the Matlock Show. These have all been taken to the Imperial Rooms in preparation for the Show on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday**. Please do visit the show if you are able to and support our local community. Good luck to all of those who have entered!

### **McMillan Coffee Morning**

We plan to hold the McMillan Coffee Morning next **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. We will provide details next week for this, but please bring in any cake donations you have (homemade or shop bought) on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**.

### **Snacks**

Just a quick reminder for all students to bring healthy snacks only for break time please.

Thank you for all of your continued support

Regards

Mrs Chadbourne

### **Important Dates**

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**-McMillan Coffee Morning (further details to follow) Please bring in cake donations to school on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021** -Strictly Come Dancing Own Clothes Day! Children to wear non uniform in exchange for £1. (Please no high heels!)



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Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers.

We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our pupils.

May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them.

We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen.



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