



8th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Catholic Life

Thank you for your generous donations today as our children celebrated our Strictly Come Dancing Own Clothes Day! All money will be donated to Ashgate Hospice. We look forward to Mrs Walsh and Mrs Barratt representing our school at the Strictly Saint Ralph event, raising further money for Ashgate Hospice. If anyone would like to make any further donations, we are very happy to accept cash donations in the school office.

Black History Month

This week our children have started to explore Black History Month. This is held every October, and is a time when the achievements of black people are highlighted. The following link provides a useful description, and is available for parents to watch with their children.

[Black History Month: Why black businesses are needed - CBBC Newsround](#)

New school website!

We are very excited to inform parents of our new school website. This contains lots of information about the school so please visit the site by following the link below. We will continue to upload information over the next few weeks.

[Home - St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Matlock \(srscmat.co.uk\)](#)

School Photos

On Thursday 14th October 2021 our school photographer is coming to school. Please send all children in their school uniform. Those children who have PE on this day, will need to get dressed for PE in school so please bring PE kits!

Due to the Pandemic, these photos will be for the school children only, and not opened up to family members outside of the school this time. Siblings within the school will have their photograph taken together.



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Parents Evening

Please remember it is Parents Evening Week next week, so class teachers will be phoning families to discuss how their children have settled into school and the progress they are making.

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.

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 \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.srscmat.co.uk)

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

INSET Days

This academic year our Multi Academy Trust have set six INSET Days. We have set five of these. The dates for these are as follows:

- Thursday 2nd September
- Friday 3rd September
- Friday 3rd December
- Monday 28th February
- Friday 1st July

One further INSET day is still to be confirmed.

*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