



Dear Parent/Carer

May all families enjoy the celebration at Easter. I felt privileged to be at the Valley Easter Mass where it was standing room only at St. James the Less. We hope that you and your family can attend one of the Easter Masses at our local parishes, the times can be found on our website.

On behalf of the students, can I thank the staff for their dedication over this critical period. Many staff are coming in over Easter to support students taking exams. The standard of the coursework produced has been exceptionally high from the "Arts to the essays". This is the first time I have seen a student design and build a guitar!

Can I remind all of the community that photographs or literature from All Saints' can only be placed on websites or social media networks if a person has received written permission from me. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Mr McNally**  
Headteacher

### PASTORAL NEWS – VALLEY EASTER MASS



This Lent all the Catholic communities, the schools and Parishes, have joined together to reflect on the meaning of the Cross. Lent is a time when we get closer to Jesus, as we learn about his sacrifice. A big Cross has been made with 8 jigsaw pieces. Each school had a piece which they decorated to represent their school's time with the Cross and what Lent means to them. The Cross travelled around the Valley and was celebrated in every school and parish from Helmsore to Whitworth.

The Bible says  
"The body is a

unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though there are many parts, they form one body." This Cross was made up of many parts but it represents the whole of the Catholic Valley Community. It reminds us that even though we are all from different schools and villages and towns, we are still all one big Catholic Family.

This Family of God came together last week at St James the Less church, Rawtenstall to celebrate the completion of the jigsaw. All the schools were well represented and thanks to the Joint School Choir led by Mrs J Starkie the packed church raised the roof with wonderful song. Thanks to everyone involved in this great celebration and to the Under 16 Lourdes group for providing delicious hot cross buns after the service.



**Miss Beckford**  
Chaplain

*Lord our God,  
you give different gifts to each of us and you are  
pleased when we use our gifts well.*

*Inspire each of us to reach our potential and use  
our gifts for the benefit of others.*

*Enable us by the power of your Spirit to grow in  
faith and in imagination and creativity, living a  
life for others that is worthwhile.*

[www.prayingeachday.org](http://www.prayingeachday.org)



## CREATIVE ARTS EVENING

Mr Heald and Mr Jefferson would like to thank all the students and staff who were involved in making the Creative Arts Evening such a great success on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Performance students worked hard during rehearsals and put on a brilliant show for their peers, parents, staff and governors whilst the Catering students provided a splendid buffet of savoury pastries and sweet delights. Before the show started visitors were able to peruse the art work completed by our GCSE students.

**Mr Heald**  
**CL - Performing Arts**



## PE NEWS



### Girls' PE

The year 7 girls played their first Rossendale netball tournament which consisted of 7 different teams. All the girls played exceptionally well despite having to play in the rain, standout performances came from *Elle Radcliffe*, who played goal keeper, and *Rochelle Barron* who played centre. Well done to all the team.

**Miss Thompson**  
**PE Dept**

### Boys' PE

For the past four weeks all Key Stage 3 boys have been participating in an Inter-Group competition in their PE lessons. Each class is separated into the same four teams for eight PE

lessons. The teams can earn points for a variety of things such as getting changed the quickest, leading the best warm-up and having full All Saints' PE kit every lesson.

Each lesson the boys have competed in a different sport including, football, rugby, cricket, basketball, dodgeball, hockey, badminton, table tennis and volleyball. Teams earn points for their performance during the lesson. However the focus of Inter-Group isn't in the winning and losing. For each lesson the students have followed a theme, which have included; teamwork, honesty, respect, co-operation, fair play, perseverance, determination and organisation. Teams can win as many points for following the theme as they can for the sporting competition. Points have rolled on for the past four weeks and the winning teams have been awarded prizes.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the unit of work, and have experienced the challenge of working with other students to feel a collective sense of achievement. I hope that the boys take some of the skills and themes they have learned with them across the school for the remainder of the year.

**Mr Parkes**  
**PE Dept**

**It is important that the school is able to maintain up to date records about pupils. If there are any changes to names, addresses, contact details, medical information, etc that we need to know about, please notify us as soon as possible by telephoning school or emailing us at [info@allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk)**

## St Joseph's Penny – Easter Egg Raffle

A St. Joseph's Penny Drive is a fund raising effort by school children in wealthier regions to raise money for projects in poorer areas of the world. Over the years the students and staff of All Saints' have supported this charity by donating their loose change. This year however, the students of 7 Romero have taken their fundraising one step further, holding an Easter Egg Raffle which has raised an additional £25.00 for the cause. Students from my form have been enthusiastic in their efforts and I am very proud of them.



**Miss Edwards**  
7R Form Tutor

## RE Homework

7 Romero were set a challenging homework project this half term in RE. They had to design and create a game that would teach others about the true meaning of Lent. The standard was extremely high, showing their enthusiasm and dedication to the

task, and leaving guest judge, school chaplain, Hannah Beckford, spoilt for choice! The games will be kept in the Chapel and used during Lent next year. Well done, 7 Romero!

**Miss Schofield**  
English/RE Dept

## YEAR 7 & 8 SCIENCE REWARD - FALCONRY



In March, Year 7 & 8 students took part in the Science Week "Mission to Mars" Competition. They had to design and build a Mars probe, learn about how astronauts can survive in space and put together presentations on their findings. I was so pleased with the efforts of all those involved, and judging was such a difficult decision that I decided an additional reward was in order.

Therefore, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April these pupils were treated to a two day Falconry workshop. Sandra Johnson, from SMJ Falconry in West Yorkshire, led the sessions in which pupils were introduced to a number of different birds of prey including owls, kestrels, and falcons and learnt how to look after them; how they survive in their natural habitat and also about the efforts being made to protect these beautiful animals. They also had the opportunity to fly the birds, experiencing what it is like to feel the birds talons through the glove. If you are interested in learning more about the work of Sandra and her team check out her website [www.smjfalconry.co.uk](http://www.smjfalconry.co.uk).

**Mr Briggs**  
CL – Science Dept

Joyeuses Pâques;  
**HAPPY EASTER;**  
¡Felices Pascuas!

