A prayer for all those caught up in conflict situations

God of peace, Show us how to put away the weapons of war and help us destroy the tools of destruction. God of peace, may your kingdom come. God of peace, Teach us to follow the ways of justice and walk with us the paths of truth. God of peace, may your kingdom come. God of peace, challenge the weapons of war and banish hatred and division so that all your children may sleep secure. God of peace, may your kingdom come. Amen. (Linda Jones/CAFOD)

Congratulations Alex

Alex Read in Year 9 spent a day in London this week socialising with the likes of HRH Prince Harry, Pixie Lott and Tess Daly to name but a few. Alex was the winner of the WellChild awards which celebrate the bravery of some of the country’s seriously ill children and the dedication of the people who go that extra mile to really make a difference to their lives. Alex was nominated for the award by his sister Eleanor and we were delighted to hear that he had won this award. Not only did Alex have to cope with the pressure of meeting celebrities but he also had to deal with having a feature length article written about him in The Derby Evening Telegraph. Everyone here at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy is so proud of Alex and his family and will continue to offer our full support to him.

Please read http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/Cancer-sufferer-Alex-wins-WellChild-award-courage/story-19778960-detail/story.html#axzz2eep1ehBm for more information about Alex.

(More photographs at end of this letter)
Confirmation at Our Lady and Saint Thomas of Hereford and St John the Evangelist parish
Stapleford
A number of our current and former students were confirmed by Bishop Malcolm on Wednesday evening at Our Lady and Saint Thomas Church in Ilkeston. Sadly I was unable to attend the mass due to a prior engagement but Mr and Mrs Doczyniski were there as parishioners and as representatives of Saint John Houghton. Congratulations to Phoebe Collingridge, Alex Doar, Henry Henshaw, Edith Knighton, Florence Knighton, Natasha Lavery, Daniel Opiah, Demmi Pryce, Bronagh Riley, Jake Smith, and Louis Smith.

Oasis Team training
Rachel would like to thank Jackie Lovelock and Mrs Slysz for their time and love with the Oasis Team on Tuesday afternoon. Jackie, a Social Worker, was happy to deliver some 'Peer-Mentoring' training to Imogen Wilkinson, Luke Elliott, Rebecca Tobin, Vienna Burns, Lucy Stanton-Lynch, Millie Wheeldon, Alice Bosworth, Merrin Shelton, Lucy Buss, Luke Moore, Georgina Wheeldon, Imogen Radford, Edith Knighton, Kathryn Parsons, Megan Arundel, Daniela Loffreda, Joe Cuomo, Matt Cragg, Hannah Page, Leah Wattam, Sian Hooton, Natasha Lavery, Alicia Clarke, Amy Morley, Liam Hefford, Jake Nicholson, Niamah Rogers, Jessica Gilhooly, Leah Watkinson, Imogen Lambert, Amber-Lea Fitzgerald, Phoebe Collingridge and Chloe Manchester. I had the pleasure of starting the session with a prayer. The training ended also in prayer and each pupil received a New Testament Bible because we know we follow Jesus Christ in his ways. Rachel would like to comment on the outstanding behaviour and manners of these students, parents and teachers should be very proud - Rachel is.

Chaplaincy News

Oasis Team Matthew

Oasis Team Mark:
Thank you to Vienna Burns, Lucy Stanton-Lynch, Millie Wheeldon, Alice Bosworth, Merrin Shelton, Lucy Buss, Mitchell Wood, Luke Moore, Louis Smith and Georgina Wheeldon for your time and company. (See photographs at end of letter)

BINGO
Bingo on Thursday 19 09 13 will be held in Mr Parr's room 12.30-1.20pm for all Year 7 to call in, meet Rachel and The Oasis Team and have some fun. No charge. Year 7 please call in and take your place in Saint John Houghton and use your listening skills.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents Day 2013 will be held on Tuesday 24th of September. A letter has been sent home with each student. Unfortunately the letter went out with its reply slip so please let the office know names of Grandparents who wish to attend. Please invite all grandparents and those in the local community who are 'honorary' grandparents to have a tour our school, share a meal with our wonderful students in the world and join us in prayer, thanks and worship. Please email Rachel if you require more information. R.Rose@st-johnhoughton.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Nottingham LIFE - If you would like to support Rosa at Holy Spirit, West Bridgford to give practical help or if you come across anyone who has baby equipment please pass it onto them. There is a constant need for any decent clothing, bedding and baby equipment.
Rachel collects donations of baby equipment every few weeks and works with Surestart and other agencies. In the last six months we have helped 16 families with clothing, bedding, Moses baskets, cots, pushchairs, etc.

**Nottingham SPUC** - Rachel would like to thank William for hosting the meeting on Tuesday. The next meeting is on Tuesday 12 10 13 all welcome please contact Rachel for details. The Nottingham Group sponsor young adults to attend the SPUC Conference and subsequently funds run. You may recall Rachel training for The Robin Hood Half Marathon with her daughter, Charity, but due to an injury Rachel has had to pull out, which leaves a Robin Hood Half Marathon number and a child's Fun Run number being offered to anyone who would like to 'wake up' and enjoy the fun. These numbers are being given free of charge.

**WANTED** - Teddy bears in good condition. Please leave them outside Rachel's Room.

Rachel would like Year 7 pupils to leave her a message or knock on her door to say 'Hello'.

Please remember the work of 'Canaan Trust' in your prayers. Canaan Trust rebuild lives and Project Manager, Kevin Curtis, is a friend and supporter of Saint John Houghton. If you would like to find out more about this worthwhile Charity please speak to Rachel.

Rachel hopes the parents are overjoyed when they see their child's name mentioned in the Friday letter. Parents should be overjoyed when their children are complimented. We can glorify God for what he is but we should remember to praise him for what he does, and especially for his beloved children, the men and women with whom he is always present, rejoicing as they grow in the life He has given them. Glorifying God through men and women who are in the process of becoming His is to look at them with the same love and pride as Our Father, who watches so closely over his children that 'even the hairs of their heads have been counted.' ( Luke 12:7) THE GLORY OF GOD IS THE PERSON FULLY ALIVE. THE LIFE OF THE PERSON IS THE VISION OF GOD.

**Thank you**

Rachel would like to thank Alex Hickling for his time and effort with the display boards. Holly Howarth for assisting in The Knitting Club, Lewis Harrison, for making a poster for The Oasis Team, Edith Knighton and Kathryn Parsons for supporting Year 7 Bingo next Thursday and Grace Teasdale, Megan Arundel, Daniella Loffreda, Bradley Martin and Matthew Cragg for supporting Grandparents Day. Joe Cuomo for advertising the Oasis Team and giving his own time to make posters and Hannah Page for her team-sprit with Year 7 Bingo. More thanks to William Foster-Jennings, Joshua Axe, Alicia Clarke, Liam Hefford, Jake Nicholson and Oliver Ball for their time and friendship this week.

Rachel’s Hero of the week in Bella Antcliff. Well done to Emily Hill and Patrick Hurt for their good manners.

Rachel would like to praise 9EB for being so enthusiastic and waking up to their faith. Well done.

**Year 7** - have experienced their first full week at Saint John Houghton and the good news is that they are all still smiling. This week I popped into see 7LMc during their RE lesson with Mrs Brambell. They told me that they were all enjoying their new school and are working hard. *(See photographs at end of letter)*
The Duke of Edinburgh
The following students will be out on silver practice expedition over the coming weekend including **Monday 16th September**. This is for a three day, 2 night expedition. They will then be out of school **Tues 24th, Wed 25th and Thurs 26th** September completing the Silver qualifying expedition. These dates were arranged last June for the calendar. Mrs Slysz wanted to get the expedition section completed and out of the way by the end of September so that they can concentrate on their school studies over the following few months. Good luck to Georgia Barratt, Daniel Ingall, Megan Curzon-Manners, Harrison Burroughs, Aidan Retallick, Jordan Hackett, Wiktoria Naylor and Orlagh Condon

**Learning and Teaching at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy**

**English**

Mrs Folan contacted me to congratulate the following students from her Year 10 class for working particularly hard. Well done to Chris Brown, Charlotte Spencer and Scott Haynes. Mr Curtis would like to praise William Cullen and Harry Wilshaw for some excellent horror writing in English. Mr Thomson wishes to praise the following students are working well in English: Ciara Broderick, Georgia Barratt, Jessica Parker, Natasha Paine and Jessica Manchester. The students have been working on a controlled assessment on Romeo and Juliet/Wuthering Heights.

**PE**

Mrs Joslin would like to congratulate Lewis King and Erin Bowmar both in 9BP for excellent results in the bleep test. Well done to all of those students who have been going into the fitness suite during lunch time, it has been a great start to the year with up to twenty five students each day working out. Well done to the new Year 7 students who have got stuck straight in to the fitness room, especially Bradley Lathall and Lewis Hart who have been working out every day. Year 7 and 8 inter-tutor benchball starts next week - make sure you have your team ready. PE hoodies available to order from Mrs Joslin at a cost of £15 - deadline Friday 20 September

**ICT**

Mr Timms has been very impressed with three of his Year 11 students. Alisha Newton, Charlotte Ah-Weng and Liam Thompson have put in a lot of hard work over the summer to catch up with their coursework and have secured themselves entry onto the full course.

**Art**

Miss Jenkinson has created an area in the art room for Artist of the Week. Each week she will display a piece of art work that has been created in which we can all celebrate. This winner this week is Harry Helliwell in 7ST who has created a well observed and in depth shoe drawing. Well done Harry.

**MFL**

Mr Riley would like to congratulate each and every one of his new classes for the excellent start they have made to the year. Some of the work that has been produced is fantastic. The languages achievement board will be overflowing this week.
Mrs Jinks is pleased with the excellent start made in French by the following year 9 students: Owen Musselwhite, Guy Sharp, Ryan Whitehead, Jack Kissane, Finn Broderick, Tom Flynn, Stephanie Siara, Jacob Siara and George O’Neill.

Science
Mr Nash would like to congratulate Joe Biles, Fane Checkley, and Oliver McGuire from his Year 10 science class. They have really put a fantastic effort into the start of this term for their GCSE science course.

Science GCSE revision classes start for Year 11 on Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. These will run all year.

Maths
Mrs Nash wishes to praise the following students from her Maths classes.
Year 8: Liam Knighton trying harder in lesson. Billy Patton, Lyka Lorenzo, Natasha Lupton, Lewis Wiltshire for doing their best this week.
Year 7: LMc for producing brilliant co-ordinates work this week and doing well on their Maths assessment.
Year 11: set 2 working hard on their Trigonometrical Functions work

Car parking
Please can I remind parents to park considerately when collecting students from school? The 23 public service bus has particularly been having difficulty navigating around parked cars at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Having read this letter I am sure you are under no doubt that school is back up and running again. Your children have settled well into the school routine again and are working hard and I thank the teachers for all their hard work. Please keep all of us in your prayers for this academic year. Thank you for all your support.

Congratulations to Steven David Mitchell of 7CR who correctly knew that the G20 summit meeting was held in St Petersburg in Russia. He wins the £5 from the Headteacher’s purse.

This week’s question is: Which member of One Direction was injured in a charity football match at the weekend?

Yours sincerely

Joan McCarthy
Alex Read at WellChild Award Ceremony
Chaplaincy Photographs
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