



Friday 29th March 2019

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"Together in Faith, Friendship, Kindness and Courage"

Mass Times: St Ann's: Saturday 5.30 p.m. with Children's Liturgy. Sunday 11.00 a.m. Mass.
St Christopher's: 9.00 a.m. mass with Children's Liturgy.

Assembly Reflection: Cyclone Idai

This week's assembly was on the disaster caused by Cyclone Idai. The children watched a film by CAFOD about the effects of the cyclone, especially the flooding it has caused. We then looked at a film which showed how people are suffering and living in poverty in these areas. We prayed for the people and looked at ways in which we could help them. We then thanked God for all we have and how lucky we are compared to these people. "I get up in the morning and don't have to worry about food or my home," said Jacob.

Candle Prayer: "Lord help CAFOD aid workers help the people in Mozambique."

Tesco Bags of Help: Good News - Thank You

The school is very excited because we received a letter from Tesco's to say we have an award for £2000 to spend on our Forest School. Can we thank all the parents and grandparents who supported the school and shopped at Tesco's. Can we also thank Miss Morris who found out about the competition and organised the school's entry. This money will now be spent on Forest School equipment; that is really needed.

CAFOD: Save our Planet Workshops

Following on from the "Laudato Si" Assembly, each class received a workshop delivered by Monica, who works for CAFOD. The children really enjoyed the workshops: Monica was very complimentary about the children and wrote a letter to the school and said, "It was a real pleasure working in such a happy and welcoming school today."

The children said they learnt that the little things make such a difference. Putting waste in the correct bins, reusing items, turning the heat down and putting on a jumper and turning the tap off. "I don't want to live in a world where we do not have trees and we can't breathe," said CG in Year 5.

Lenten Homeless Charity

This Lent, the children have been bringing in different items for the Cornerstone's homeless refuge. So far we have collected: tins, toiletries, pasta sauces, curry sauces, cooking sauces, tea, coffee and sugar. Every week a member of staff has taken the children to visit sister Lucy and the people at Cornerstones. (Pictures are on the website).

In the final two weeks we will be collecting:

Week 5: Soap powder / detergent

Week 6: Socks, hats and gloves

Thank you so much for your donations - they really make a difference.

Stations of the Cross

The GIFT Team will be leading the Stations of the Cross next week. The GIFT team lead on this across the school and take groups of children and adults through the twelve Stations of the Cross that are placed outside school. If you would like to come, then please arrive at school at 2.00 p.m. EYFS and KS1 parents and carers are invited to join us at 9.15 a.m. in the hall. The GIFT Team have also been leading their weekly prayer group for the children to come and be silent and pray at lunchtime.

Mother's Day Gifts

The children enjoyed choosing presents for Mother's Day. Can we say an extra special thank you to Mrs Butterworth, who not only organised the event, but wrapped the gifts for the sale to make them extra special. Thank you so much for your support.

Parent's Consultation Day

There was a tremendous turnout from parents on Thursday for the Parent's Consultation day. All teachers have seen nearly every parent. Each parent had 15 minutes with the class teacher and was updated on their progress. The new electronic booking system proved very popular with parents saying how easy it was to use.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 40 Reads

To encourage the children to read every night we have created our 40 reads incentive, "Bee a Reader." Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have their face on a Bee and they work their way around honey pots to receive a reward. Mrs Mcloughlin, our English subject leader, has also organised for an author to come into school.

Passion Play (05.04.19)

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing the Passion Play next Friday at 2.00 p.m. in the school hall. All the children are involved in reinacting Jesus' last days before his crucifixion. All parents, and grandparents are invited to this very special time.

Beatles Museum Trip

The Year 1 topic this term has been 'The Beatles'. Year 1 were really lucky and went to see the Beatles museum in Liverpool. All the children had a brilliant day and there are lots of pictures on the school website. Talia, Rosa, Wynonah and Sofia said, "We liked the big yellow submarine and dressing up." (Please see the gallery area for photos).

British Values Assemblies (Democracy, Responsibility, Respect & Tolerance and the Rule of Law)

As a school, we always promote British values throughout the curriculum and school day. The main topic area we discussed this half term is about libraries. We looked at whether we need libraries and if they a waste of money? We also looked at the people who run libraries and provide money for them: are they good people? Namit led the discussion by saying that you can get anything on line so what's the point? Isaac said that libraries were free and you get as many books as you like, so you have more choice. In the end most children agreed libraries are needed in our country to help children read.

Football Team

The school team were in action on Wednesday night against Lyndhurst Primary School in the cup. Toby wrote: *It was a very close game and in the end it was 4 - 4. Penalties had to be played but we won with 3 penalties to 2. A huge well done to the football team. As always, we thank Mr Finan for organising the match and managing the team.*

Safeguarding Notice

Can we remind parents that school starts at 8.45 a.m. We have contacted parents who are dropping their children off too early. If you have problems with childcare there is the Busy Bees club which opens at 7.30 a.m. Can we also remind parents that children attending clubs are to be met at the Year 2 exit and that they shouldn't try to walk through the side gate to gain access to the school. We thank you for your cooperation.

Twitter (Twitter@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk)

The school Twitter account is now officially open for use. We have recently created a Twitter account to share information with you about all of the exciting things happening at school. Our account is an information sharing one and is not to be used as a forum for sharing opinions. Staff will not be replying to any questions asked, or direct messages sent, as there are many opportunities to discuss individual issues / concerns with staff. We hope that our account will reflect all of the brilliant things that the children do at school. Please follow us at **Twitter@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk**

New email system

We have changed over to a new email system and will now be sending out the majority of our correspondence by email rather than paper copies. Please do check your emails at regular intervals.

After School Activity Clubs

The after school activity clubs re-commence with effect from Tuesday 23rd April. Letters to sign-up for clubs will be sent out next week. Clubs are limited on numbers and allocated on a first come, first served basis. **From next half term the Science club will operate just for Key Stage 2 children.**

Celebration Assembly

CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS		
Class	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Penelope Holden & Parker Hartley	Esme Kavanagh & Alexis Stanley
Reception	Kylie O'Donnell & Jack Cheetham	Jacob Wilkinson & Harriet Lister
Year 1	Theo Mason-Diamond & Oscar Byrnes	Elise Foronda & Jacob Oakes
Year 2	Gracie Blease & George Warner	Gabriella Lomas & Noah Wilkinson
Year 3	Ruby Wood & Aaliyah Wysocka	Jayden Oronsaye & Ruby Maddocks
Year 4	Parisa Vyas & Xander McKenna	Ethan Ashton & Matthew Hall
Year 5	Elisha O'Keefe & Alfie Dickson	Nathan Matley & Marcel Behrens
Year 6	Melissa Lomas & Toby Wilde	Millie Donnelly & Lenny Ratcliffe

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): Week 1: Year 2 & Year 4 98.8% Week 2: Reception 99.1%

Cool Outside School Awards

A huge well done to all our children who received a "Cool Outside School" award. Please come and share your outside school awards. We love to share your achievements at the assembly.

Spring 2 Half Term Events

Tues. 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross (details of times above)
Weds. 3 rd April	Easter Egg Raffle
Fri. 5 th April	Passion Play 2.00p.m.
Fri. 5 th April	School closes for Easter
Tues. 23 rd April	School re-opens