



Friday 26th April 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: Matthew 28: 8 - 15 "Do not be afraid go out and tell my brothers that I am alive."
This week's assembly was based on the gospel story from Matthew. We talked about the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. We discussed how Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross to save us from our sins. We looked at how his death and resurrection was a new beginning for us all. We explored ways in our lives that we could show this new beginning. The children shared their ideas: being kind to others, working hard in school and thinking of others and sharing.

Candle Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us this half term to be the person you want us to be."

Father Sheahan

Just before we broke up for Easter, the school received the extremely sad news that Father Sheahan had died after a long illness. He was ordained on 9th June 1963 and was Parish Priest at St Christopher's, Ashton, from 1981. St Christopher's RC Primary School had a special place in Father Sheahan's heart. His thoughts were always with St Christopher's and even in his final days he was asking how the school was doing. Thank you so much for your prayers and special intentions.

There is a month's mind mass for Father Sheahan to remember him at St Christopher's church on Friday 3rd May at 7.00 p.m.

The Passion Play

Thank you so much to the children for producing a wonderful and moving Passion Play before we broke up for Easter. The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 had worked really hard at producing excellent performances to tell the story. Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents for supporting the event. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

St Joseph's Penny Boxes

Thank you so much for all the generous donations to the Cornerstones charity during Lent. Your contributions really made a difference and Sister Lucy was very thankful. Can we ask that the St Joseph's Penny boxes that were sent home, are returned to school by Friday 3rd May so that we can send them to Caritas. Many thanks.

Author Visit:

To help promote reading for pleasure in our school, the children's book author Sarah Morrison will be visiting our school next Monday. She has written, "My Superhero Family" based on her own family. Anything you can do at home to promote reading to the children is very much appreciated. It's really important, in this computer game world, that children read regularly each night. We have also bought new books and created a new EYFS and KS1 library reading area in the school. We have partly funded this with money raised during Christmas and Spring events. Many thanks for supporting these events and raising the money for us to do this.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 celebrated the end of their Egyptian topic by dressing up in Egyptian costumes. The children took part in many activities to further improve their understanding of the Egyptians. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

KS1 and KS2 SATs

The children in KS1 and KS2 will be taking their SATs next month. In KS1 the children will be taking tests throughout the month of May. In KS2 the national tests are carried out in the week beginning Monday 13th May and finish on Thursday 16th May. We ask that the Year 6 children are in school this week and arrive in good time on these days. The following link gives information on the national tests. Please click on the following [link](#) (press ctrl) for more information.

Projects

Many thanks for helping the children produce some incredible projects. I have walked around the school and been really impressed with the children's work. It really gives the children an interest in the topic they will be studying this half term. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

Food4Life Gold Award

The school was delighted to receive the NHS Food4Life Award. Assessors visited school and talked to staff about what the school does to promote a healthy lifestyle. They looked at our school dinners, packed lunches and menus to check that children receive a balanced diet. They also looked at how we deliver information and we do to promote healthy eating and physical fitness in the curriculum.

The Food4Life team congratulated the school on its efforts promoting healthy diet and physical fitness among our children. It is very important that as a school we promote a healthy lifestyle to the children. In the UK in 2018, 1 in 5 children in Year 6 were classified as obese. We thank you all for the support you give school and your children in ensuring they receive a healthy and balanced diet.

Spring Term Fundraising

Thank you so much for your support with our Mother's Day gift sale and also our Easter Egg and chocolate raffle. As a result of your generous donations we managed to raise a combined total of £795.00.

Twitter ([Twitter@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk](https://twitter.com/st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk))

Please remember that the school Twitter account is now officially open for use. 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**

Celebration Assembly

| CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS | | |
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| Class | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| Nursery | Avayah Wallace & Sebastian Cunningham | Skye Piper & Osagie Rojas Asowata |
| Reception | Amelie O'Connor-Hibbert & Joseph Leech | Gracie Oldham & Blake Wood |
| Year 1 | Mia Rush & Luca Hayden | Ella Kwidzinska & Joshua Smith |
| Year 2 | Brooke Akers & Joseph Lawton | Gabriella Lomas & Dalton Bertenshaw |
| Year 3 | Oliver Potts & Caitlin Bird | Scarlett Newton & Natalia Kaszczuk |
| Year 4 | Luke Schofield & Lucas Radcliffe | Laura Jarzynska & Nathan Barber |
| Year 5 | Sasha Farrell & Nathan Matley | Elsie Matthews & Tom McNeill |
| Year 6 | Tamara Servan & Darren Festijo | Amelia Marzec & Isaac Czernuszka |

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): Week 1: Year 3 99.4% Week 2: Year 4 100%

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

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| Mon. 29 th April | Author Visit: Sarah Morrison |
| Tues. 30 th April | Year 3 Assembly 9.05a.m. |
| Weds. 1 st May | School Mass 9.30 St Christopher's RC Church |
| Mon. 6 th May | School Closed - Bank Holiday |
| Tues. 7 th May | Year 4 Assembly 9.05a.m. |
| Fri. 10 th May | Year 5 trip to Alton Towers |
| Week Beginning 13 th May | Year 6 SATs |
| Week Beginning 20 th May | Retreat Week |
| Fri. 24 th May | Close for Spring Bank Holiday |
| Mon. 10 th June | School re-opens |
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