



Friday 10th May 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: John 20: 24-29

The assembly reflection was based on the John's gospel story about Doubting Thomas. We looked at faith and belief in our world. After listening and reflecting on the story of "Doubting Thomas" we discussed what it is to have faith.

Candle Prayer: "Dear Jesus, help us to always believe in you and never doubt."

Father Myles Sheahan

This letter of thank you was received this week from Father Sheahan's family:

"On behalf of all the Sheahan family I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff of St. Christopher's Primary school for everything you did during Fr. Myles's passing. Even though retired six years and having moved to Moston, he still spoke very fondly of both schools and initiatives he had been involved in over the years. Fr. Myles loved St. Christopher's parish, he lived and breathed it. He loved the parishioners, the primary school and visiting the children. He always spoke so passionately of St. Damian's Secondary school and loved being so actively involved in both schools."

"A huge thank you to one and all for the beautiful book of prayers done by the children of St. Christopher's Primary School. Sr. Elizabeth (our aunt) brought it to Ireland, some of the lovely thoughts expressed brought tears to our eyes. Being a primary teacher I know and appreciate all the hard work, time and effort that goes into expressing sentiments, writing prayers and drawing. Also Sr. Elizabeth was so grateful that children took the time out from their Easter holidays to form a guard of honour with Miss Mulhall for Fr. Myles on his journey home. We met a lovely retired teacher called Tom Toole from your school at Fr. Myles's funeral in Ireland, again so lovely that he would take the time out of his break in Ireland to travel to the funeral."

Year 3 and Year 4 Assemblies

The focus of both class assemblies has been Pentecost, an area which the children are leaning about in religion. Both classes told the story of Pentecost in different ways, and looked at how the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples to give them strength and courage. The children presented their assemblies extremely well and their performances really made sure the meaning of Pentecost was understood by all the children. Well Done to both classes. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website)

Mass: St Joseph the Worker

The children attended mass last week to celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Father Simon led the mass and the Chaplaincy team delivered the readings. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

KS2 SATs

The children in KS2 will be taking their SATs next week along with all children in the country. Each day a different test will take place. It is best that the children get a good night's rest before each day so they are well rested to carry out each paper.

Sats timetable:**Monday:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar**Tuesday:** English reading**Wednesday:** Maths Arithmetic and Maths Paper 2**Thursday:** Maths Paper 3

The children will do their absolute best and have worked extremely hard over the year to reach this point. We wish them the very best of luck and know they will reach their true potential.

Year 4 Drama

Mr Mundell's English group performed a fantastic play based on two fairy tales they have been studying, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Bears. The children have really got to know the story and to further improve their knowledge they devised playscripts. Nursery, Reception and Year 4 were the audience and everybody thought they were amazing. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

Football

The football team played Godley Primary last week in the semi-finals of the Tameside School's Cup. The team played really well but unfortunately lost 3 -1, but never gave up and ended the game with a great attitude.

The football team were action again on Thursday night at St Stephen's having reached the finals of the Catholic Cup. They won the first two games but lost the final one.

Many thanks to Mr Finan who has organised fixtures and trained the team, without him we wouldn't have taken part in so many games or done so well.

Good Bye to the Chicks

Children in Nursery and Reception said a very sad good bye to the chicks. The staff were also really sad to see them go, especially Mrs Smith and Miss Murray, who have taken them home for the weekend and looked after them. They have brought much interest, enjoyment and knowledge to the children who have seen them hatch and grow. They will go back to their mummy's at Bowland Farm, where they will be really happy and well looked after. Charlotte, in Nursery said, "I liked watching them fly." Jacob and Henry, in Reception wrote a letter to the chicks saying how much they loved them. They told us all about the differences between a girl and boy chick. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website)

Alton Towers

Year 5 went to Alton Towers for an amazing day out today. The trip is now an annual excursion before the children go into Year 6. The children were really excited about visiting the park and going on all the exciting rides. Many thanks to the parent helpers who went.

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 | Sebastian Beswick & Roman Conry | Sofia Wright & Sophia Randall |
| Reception | Nikola Dawid & Anna Wykrota | Layla McNulty & Ava Davy |
| Year 1 | Aleesha Abraham & Bobby Wilson | Harper Thompstone & Sofia Gabrane |
| Year 2 | Annabelle Rathmill & Daniel Ismail | Shaun Thomas & Stanley Irvine |
| Year 3 | Not in assembly | Sophie Freeman & Isabella Wright |
| Year 4 | Xander McKenna & Savannah Melgar | Troy Servan, Mariah dos Santos, Kaithlyn Cabaylo & Finlay O'Hara |
| Year 5 | Bobbie Tennant & Boaz Kwalombota | At Alton Towers |
| Year 6 | Ellie Donnelly, Melissa Lomas & Namit Chandra | Alfie Blease & Finlay Hayworth |

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): Week 1: Year 4 98% Week 2: Year 6 99.7%

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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| Week Beginning 13.05.19 | Year 6 SATs |
| Week Beginning 20.05.19 | Retreat Week |
| Weds. 22 nd May | Year 1 and Year 2: Blackpool Zoo (Y1 Science theme and Y2 topic theme) |
| Weds. 22 nd May | Year 3 trip to Park Bridge |
| Fri. 24 th May | Year 2 Kenya Day |
| Fri. 24 th May | Close for half term |
| Mon. 10 th June | School re-opens |
| Weds. 12 th June | Photographer in for Class and Team photographs |
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