



Friday 24th 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 15: 1 - 18 "If you get cut off from me, you will find it hard to be good."
This week's assembly was based on the gospel story from John. We talked about how Jesus used parables to tell stories. In this parable he told the story of the vine and how it needed food and water to keep healthy. The vine is just like us, if we let Jesus into our lives we will be happy. The children shared their ideas of how they could be like the vine: praying regularly, being kind to our friends and thinking of others and sharing.

Candle Prayer: "Dear Jesus, help us be like the vine and let you in our lives to make sure we are kind."

50th Anniversary: Friday 14th June

It would be great if each family bought a tea towel for the 50th Anniversary. All proceeds from the tea towels go to finance the fun afternoon for the children. You will see Amanda Maddocks selling them outside school.

The PTA desperately need your help. If you could spare just 1 hour that would be so helpful. Please see Mrs Butterworth or Amanda. Many Thanks.

Please don't forget the 50th Anniversary date. There will be a mass in the school hall at 9.30 to celebrate 50 years at the school. This will then be followed in the afternoon by a "fun afternoon" for the children. In the evening there will be a disco in the St Christopher's Church hall - under the church.

Retreat Days

This week each class has had a retreat day. The overriding theme is "God's Love." Each class had a different theme to focus on. Every day the children took part in quiet reflection and prayer. They took part in fun activities that involved different skills. Each group have slightly different art focus to concentrate on. The children also took part in meditations and prayer.

Mary Farmer ran the sessions, and we would like to thank her for delivering such wonderful sessions that have enhanced the children's faith. The sessions differed in each year group:

Nursery: "God's love is"

Reception: "God's love is"

Year 1: "God's love is"

Year 2: "God calls us to love"

Year 3: "Love one another as I have loved you"

Year 4: "Thinking about the Rosary"

Year 5: "Finding God in all things"

Year 6: "Finding God in all things"

Year 3: 1st Forgiveness

The children in Year 3 celebrated their 1st Forgiveness last Monday at St Ann's church, as part of their sacramental programme. Father Simon and Fr Callum heard their confessions and the children said a sorry prayer. It taught them all about reflecting on things they have done wrong. It also taught them that God will forgive you and you can learn from your mistakes and move on.

Forest School Festival

Year 6 enjoyed a Forest School Festival of fun last Friday. A huge thankyou to Mrs Jones for organising the event and Mr Cooper and Mrs Gilligan for helping to run it. The children did face painting, made rope swings, played different outdoor games and had an ice cream at the end. Their behaviour was excellent and they all thanked the staff for what they had done. Thank you to the PTA for funding the ice-creams.

Key Stage 1 Trip: Blackpool Zoo

Both Year 1 and Year 2 went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo to support the learning in their topics. Year 1 have been studying habitats and Year 2 Kenya. The children were able to learn about the animals that are found in Kenya. They were also able to learn about all animals and the habitats they live in. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

Year 4 Stone Age Day

Year 4 celebrated the end of their Stone Age topic by having a "Stone Age Day." The children took part in many activities to further improve their understanding of the Stone Age period. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

KS1 and KS2 SATs

A huge well done to all our children who have taken the Year 2 and Year 6 Sats. All the staff are so proud of them all and the hard work they have put in. All children showed great resilience and commitment and have done their absolute best.

Transition to High School

Parents who want to know more and help their children with transition to High School may find BBC Bitesize website helpful. It offers practical advice and emotional support for those children transferring to high school. bbc.com/startingsecondaryschool

Year 3: Trip to Park Bridge

The children in Year 3 visited Park Bridge to finish their topic on rivers. Please see the gallery area for pictures. This was led by the experienced Outdoor Education Team. The children looked closely at the River Medlock, giving them the opportunity to see how rivers shape the landscape. From the base at Park Bridge they went to the Rocher Valley and the River Medlock, looking at physical features and got 'hands on' and into the river for some practical investigations.

Sport: Netball

The school netball team were in action last Thursday night at Thomas Moore High School. They managed to finish third and played really well. They represented the school brilliantly showing good respect and team spirit. Many thanks to Miss Ratcliffe and Miss Bennett for organising the event and taking the children. Please see the gallery area of the website for pictures.

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**

After School Activity Clubs

The after school activity clubs commence with effect from Monday 10th June. The children have been given a form to sign up for any clubs they will be attending. Please return the sheets as soon as possible so we know which children are attending which clubs and to give your consent. Places in clubs which are oversubscribed will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Celebration Assembly

CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS		
Class	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Charlotte Smith & Sophia Randall	Miley McKibbin, Casper Kostka, Aizah Wakaas, Skyla Turton, Jessica Stewart, Shikemi Kuye, Tito Oyedele
Reception	Ola Zarzycka & Maisie Holt	Melveta Bangura & Florence Clarke
Year 1	Layla Boardman & Namien Rojas Asowata	Nevil Thuruthen & Latisha Balde
Year 2	All Year 2 & Year 2 Parents & Carers	Elliot Schofield & Jasmin O'Keeffe
Year 3	Scarlett Newton & Isla Hankinson	Lucy Wilkinson & Scarlet Brittain-Hulme
Year 4	Noah Worthington & Ciera Mullen	Olivia Smith & Charlie Nathaniel
Year 5	Luke Taylor & Marcel Behrens	Thomas Ashton & Reece Finan
Year 6	All Year 6	Rosie Slater & Joshua Whelan

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): Class: Year 5 99.3% **Week 2:** Year 3 & Year 6 100%

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.

Summer 2 Half Term Events

Weds. 12 th June	Photographer in for Group & Team photos
Fri. 14 th June	50 th Anniversary (Mass 9.30 am and disco in the evening)
Tues. 18 th June	KS1: Halle "Dinosaurus" Concert
Tues. 18 th June	Induction evening for new parents EYFS 6.30 pm
Tues. 18 th June	YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY
Thurs. 20 th June	KS1 Sports Day 1.15 pm
Fri. 21 st June	EYFS Sports Day 9.30 am
Fri. 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day 1.30 pm
Sat. 22 nd June	Holy Communion 2 pm
Tues. 25 th June	Year 3/4 Come & Play with the Halle
Tues. 25 th June	Gift Team Celebration Day
Thurs. 27 th & Fri. 28 th June	New Nursery Visits
Tues. 2 nd July	YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY
Fri. 5 th July	Non Uniform Chocolate
Fri. 5 th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Fri. 5 th July	Year Group Moving Up Day and Nursery Children Come for Lunch
Sat. 6 th July	Church Garden Party
Weds. 10 th July	"Cheerfest" Competition
Sat. 13 th July	Year 6 Prom
Tues. 16 th July	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
Tues. 16 th July	Brass Band Concert
Thurs. 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (6.00 pm) and Hoodies
Fri. 19 th July	Reports Out
Weds. 24 th July	Parent Report Drop In
Thurs. 25 th July	St Christopher's Feast Day
Fri. 26 th July	Year 6 Liturgy 9.15
Fri. 26 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1.15 pm
Mon. 2 nd Sept	INSET day
Tues. 3 rd Sept	School re-opens to children