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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: Luke 17: 12 -19, "Being Grateful."**

This week's assembly was based on the gospel story from Luke about being grateful. Jesus had cured 10 lepers but only one person came back to thank him. We looked at being grateful in life for what we have and how much we all take for granted. We all decided that from now on in the morning we will always thank god for all we have in our lives.

**Candle Prayer:** "Dear Lord, help us to remember how grateful we are to you for all we have."

**Luca in Reception Class**

Recently, Luca and his family have received some very sad news. Luca has been diagnosed with a very rare brain tumour. He faces many months of intensive treatment with chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Luca and his family have a difficult journey ahead of them and we would like to support them.

The school will carry out a sponsored walk on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We are all going to come to school wearing Luca's favourite colour and unite together in a walk to raise funds to support his family. Another letter and sponsorship forms will be sent out nearer the time. Please keep Luca and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Year 3 Holy Communion**

Last Saturday our Year 3 class received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. The children have taken part in St Christopher's sacramental programme this year. The school was immensely proud of the children and especially their understanding of the occasion, behaviour and conduct. It was lovely to see so many families in church supporting the children in this important sacrament. The school would like to thank Father Simon and the sacramental team for instructing the children throughout the year.

**GIFT Team Celebration Day**

The St Christopher's GIFT team joined other Salford Diocese schools on Tuesday for a Celebration day. It started with a procession where each school had a banner. The children were addressed by Bishop John, who spent the whole day with the children. There was a special thank you for Cannon McBride who is leaving his role this year. There were prayer workshops where ideas were shared to bring back to school. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

**Year 5 Assembly: Forgiveness**

Thank you to Year 5 who carried out an Assembly on Forgiveness. The children presented their thoughts and feelings on forgiveness. They carried out role plays and songs connected to forgiveness. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

**Year 6: Islam**

Year 6 had a visit from a Sister Rasha, who is a religious leader from a Manchester Mosque. She talked to the children about her Religion and culture. The children then asked lots of questions about the Muslim religion to improve their understanding. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Olympian Visit**

Kelly Massey, who is on the British Olympics team, visited school on Thursday to talk to the children. The theme of her presentation was, "The Road to the Olympics." The children were really inspired by her talk on how much training is involved. They also quickly realised that it takes hard work, dedication and a lot of failure to become a world class athlete.

### **Year 5 Trip to the Imperial War Museum**

Last week, Year 5 went to the Imperial War Museum in Salford. Their topic this term is the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and the museum gave the children an excellent insight into the topic. While they were there they met a veteran from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War who talked to the children about his experiences. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Year 1 and 2: The Halle Orchestra - "Dinosaurus"**

KS1 visited the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to see the world famous Halle Orchestra. The theme was Dinosaurs and the children listened and took part in different performances of music by the Halle. The children had an enjoyable time and were inspired by seeing the Halle. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Year 3 and 4: The Halle Orchestra - "Space"**

Tameside Music Service has been working with Lower KS2 on performing musical pieces throughout the summer term. The class then joined the Halle orchestra on Tuesday, at the Bridgewater Hall, to play these pieces with them. The theme centred around Space. The children had a brilliant morning and were inspired by all they had heard and seen. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Sports Days**

The week before last, the school took advantage of the dry weather and carried out its Sports Days throughout the different school stages. A huge well done to all the children who took part - they tried their absolute best and never gave up. It was wonderful to see so many families at the events - a very happy occasion, thank you for your support. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Key Stage 1 Soccer Festival**

St Christopher's School hosted the KS1 soccer festival last week. Twelve Catholic Tameside Schools took part in the event. St Christopher's School did really well and managed to reach the Final. Unfortunately, they were beaten on penalties. The team played so well and were a credit to the school - both with their attitude and behaviour. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **St Christopher's Swimming Team - Tameside Finalists**

A huge well done to the Swimming Team who took part in the Tameside School's Swimming Competition last week. We're delighted to say that they won the competition and are now through to the finals. Swimming is such an important sport and very popular in our school. It's fantastic to give out swimming certificates to the children every week at assembly. A huge thank you to Mrs Quigley and Miss Clarke for coaching the team.

### **New Nursery and Reception Parents**

We welcomed new Nursery and Reception parents to our school last week at a special induction evening. They received a talk from Mrs Connery, met our EYFS team and received a tour around the department. We welcome them to our happy school family and wish them the very best at our school.

### **Goodbye Mr Eckersley**

The school will be saying goodbye to Mr Eckersley, Year 5 teacher, as he is leaving the school at the end of this term. We would like to thank him for teaching at our school and wish him the very best in the future. We are delighted to report that Miss McGovern will be returning from maternity leave and will be back in school next week.

### **Staffing Next Year**

Key Stage 2 Leader & Deputy Head: Miss Mulhall

Year 6: Mrs Gilligan, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Cooper

Year 5: Miss McGovern, Mr Mundell and Mr Cooper

Year 4: Miss Hulme, Miss Mulhall and Miss Clarke

Year 3: Miss Morris, Miss Mulhall and Miss Clarke

Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs McLoughlin

Year 2: Mrs McLoughlin and Mrs Jones

Year 1: Miss Ratcliffe and Miss Campbell

EYFS Leader: Mrs Connery

Reception: Miss Bennett and Mrs Nathaniel

Nursery: Mrs Connery, Mrs Hallows, Mrs Smith and Mrs Mosley

### **Questionnaires Next Week**

We really value your feedback about school and always act upon it. A main part of our feedback is the school questionnaires. We carry them out with parents, governors and children and take them very seriously. We will be sending the parent questionnaire out next week. As always we ask for areas in which we can improve but also any positive comments we can share with the staff. All returned forms go into a children's prize draw.

### **School Money**

As we near the end of the current school year could we please that all parents/carers log onto School Money and pay any outstanding balances for this current year.

### **Non-uniform Day**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July is non-uniform day in return for Chocolate for the Church Garden Party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please could all children come to school in their own clothes in return for an item of Chocolate.

### **Celebration Assembly**

<b>CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 1</b>
Nursery	Iris Sharples & Jessica Stewart
Reception	Oskar Foster & Amelia Karpinska
Year 1	Lucas Van Weerdenburg & Ethan Irvine
Year 2	Annabelle Rathmill & George Warner
Year 3	James Van Weerdenburg & Caitlin Pickering
Year 4	Lana Santiago & Lucas Radcliffe
Year 5	Emma Beswick & Regan Williams
Year 6	Isaac Czernuszka & Harvey Teeling

**Attendance Trophy** (School Target 97%): Week 1: Reception 95.9%

### **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

Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Non Uniform Chocolate
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Group Moving Up Day and Nursery Children Come for Lunch
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Non –uniform Day for Chocolate for the Church Garden Party
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Garden Party
Weds. 10 <sup>th</sup> July	“Cheerfest” Competition
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Brass Band Concert
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.15a.m.) and Hoodies
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sponsored walk for Luca
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Out
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Report Drop In
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St Christopher’s Feast Day
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Liturgy 9.15
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1.15 pm
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET day
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	School re-opens to children