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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.

### Update on Luca in Reception Class and the sponsored walk

Luca's lumbar puncture was clear and the cancer hasn't spread to other parts of his body. However, he does face many months of chemotherapy. The family have taken Luca to Germany for tests, where he will get the best treatment. His treatment will be extremely costly and the family have set up a "Just Giving" page. We are trying to raise as much as possible to donate to Luca.

The school will carry out a sponsored walk on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15. Mentions Assembly will not take place on the Friday and be replaced with the walk. Reception and KS1 will walk to the reservoir and KS2 will walk to Hartshead Pike.

We are all going to come to school wearing Luca's favourite colour, red, and unite together in a walk to raise funds to support his family. Luca and his family intend to be at the walk. Please keep Luca and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### GIFT Team Meet Bishop John for Afternoon Tea

The St Christopher's GIFT team had a really enjoyable day today visiting Wardley Hall to meet Bishop John for afternoon tea. The Bishop invited our school and another high school after winning a raffle at a GIFT Team Celebration Day at Bamber Bridge. The Bishop was really keen to hear about our school, the GIFT Team and the exciting things happening at St Christopher's. Namit wrote, "we really enjoyed our day out and meeting the Bishop. We all enjoyed learning about the history of Wardley Hall and loved afternoon tea. Steve was really interesting and showed us round the Laudato Si Centre and gave us loads of ideas on taking care of our planet" (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### Well Done Year 6

Another incredible year for SAT's results at St Christopher's. In every subject we were above the national average by a long way, in both expected and higher. For the children who passed all three subjects we finished 26% higher than the national, and in the higher results, they more than almost doubled the national average in English, and trebled it in maths.

A huge well done to our children who worked so hard, each individual child has done their absolute best and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Can we also thank their parents and carers who have supported the children, and especially our talented and hardworking staff who get the best out of every child.

### 2019 Key Stage 2, Year 6, Test Results (2019 National results in brackets)

	Working Towards the national expected standard	Working at the national expected standard	Working at the national higher standard
Reading	6%	94% (73%)	53% (28%)
Writing	9%	91% (78%)	28% (20%)
GPS	6%	94% (78%)	53% (31%)
Mathematics	6%	94% (79%)	66% (24%)
Children who passed all three in RWM		91% (65%)	

### **Tameside School Sports Award**

Miss Ratcliffe and the Sports Ambassadors received the Gold Award for Sport for St Christopher's School on Tuesday afternoon at the Village Hotel, Ashton. We received the award for our participation and quality of delivering school sport, both inside and outside of school. A special thank you to Miss Ratcliffe, our Sports Lead, for all she has done for school sport this year.

### **Year 2 Assembly:**

Thank you to Year 2 who carried out a brilliant Assembly on inspirational women and helping others. The assembly was based on the story of Rosa Parks and how she had the courage to stand up for what was right. The class linked this story to the parable of the Good Samaritan about helping others in society. Both stories were a great example of one of our four core values, which is courage - standing up for what we know is right. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Walker's Crisp Challenge**

The school is doing everything it can to support Laudato Si', Pope Francis' initiative to create care for our earth. Walkers Crisps have launched an initiative where schools can collect crisp packets and then send them to Walkers in batches of 400. These crisp packets are then turned into pellets that are transformed into park benches, watering cans and cool bags. Mrs Jones is in charge of this and any other eco-initiatives at school. Please see Mrs Jones if you want to help or have any ideas.

### **Parish Fair**

St Christopher's Parish Fair was, once again, a huge success last weekend. St Christopher's School ran the chocolate tombola and managed to raise much money for the church. The event was very popular; many thanks to all the families who came to support it.

### **Reading Challenge "Space Race:" Ashton Library**

The school received a visit on Wednesday from the librarian, Steph, who works at Ashton Library. She talked to the children about the importance of reading and how much fun it is. As an incentive this summer, Tameside Library is running "Space Race", the summer holiday reading challenge. The children will read books that have been taken by super mischievous aliens. As they read books, they will collect stickers for their mission that they can collect in the folder. This is open to all children. They will receive their reward at Mention's Assembly.

### **Food Challenge**

We weren't able to include this in the last newsletter, but the children took part in the food challenge. The teachers were in different teams and had to create a healthy, tasty meal. The children helped them to create the meal and then had to vote with special cards saying, green peas or red chillies - just like the TV programme, 'Can't Cook, Won't Cook' (for those old enough to remember). Many thanks to Miss Bennett, our Art and DT leader, who organised the event. (Pictures are in the Gallery Area of the website and on Twitter).

### **Swimming Team**

St Christopher's swimming team were in action again last week at the all Tameside School Championships. The team were once again amazing. Out of 36 teams, they finished second, which is something they should be very proud of. Well done to all the swimming team for competing so well. Many thanks to Mrs Quigley and Miss Clarke for organising the event and taking the children.

### **Cheerfest**

Our Cheerleading team were in action on Wednesday at the "Cheerfest" competition. They did really well with their routine, which can be seen on our twitter account or clicking on the twitter icon on the home page. Miss Ratcliffe said that they represented the school so well, showing good manners and resilience.

### Cricket Camp

Ashton Cricket Club have asked the school to advertise their cricket summer camp. Junior children will have the opportunity to train with a Level 3 coach all week. It will run from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is £50.00 for the week or £12.00 per day. Limited places are available. Please contact Ben or Dave at Ashton Cricket Club 07931 247 355, or at ashtoncricketclub@gmail.com.

### Mr. Long Year 4

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mr. Long is leaving us to take up a new post in Stockholm, Sweden. His last day at school will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### After School Activity Clubs

Next week is the last week for all after school activity clubs with the exception of Science and Drama which finish today. The new clubs will re-commence week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September. Full details will be sent home as we return to School. It is essential that the sign-up sheet is completed and returned to give your consent if you wish your child to join any of the clubs.

### Questionnaires Next Week

Many thanks for all those parents and carers who have returned their questionnaires - we really appreciate the feedback. If you haven't completed one yet, please could you do so and return it to school. The more replies we get the better we can develop as a school. All returned forms go into a prize draw.

### School Money System

As we approach the end of term could all parents/carers please check their School Money account and settle any outstanding balances before we close for the Summer.

### Communication

From the start of the next academic year the majority of communications will be emailed to parents/carers.

### School Safeguarding Officers

If you have any concerns over safeguarding please contact:  
Mr Noone or Mrs Connery, who are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads.

### Celebration Assembly

CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS		
Class	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Aisha Saqib & Milana Gabrane	Lola Farrell & Sebastian Streit
Reception	Sophia Winston & Luciana Winston	Demileigh Mendoza & Daisy Hall
Year 1	Zuzanna Rusinek & Jacob Oakes	Tadek Chmara & Talia Kays
Year 2	Brooke Akers & Stanley Irvine	Julia Gostumska & Isaac Stewart
Year 3	Holy Communion Photo	Caitlyn Tedin-Perez & Ruby Wood
Year 4	Savannah Melgar, Lucas Ratcliffe & Finlay O'Hara	Parisa Vyas & Eashan Mistry
Year 5	Venice Perez & Isaac Pattison	Laura Ciuckowska & Elisha O'Keefe
Year 6	At High School Induction	Sadie Farrell & Luca's Fundraising Team

**Attendance Trophy** (School Target 97%): Class: **Week 1:** Year 2 98.4% **Week 2:** Year 3 99.4%

### 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

Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY 9.05a.m.
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Brass Band Concert 2.15
Weds. 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 trip to Southport
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception trip to Sea Life Centre, Manchester
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	End of Year Mass: St Christopher's Church 9.15 a.m. (All Welcome)
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