



Friday 25th January 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. with Children's Liturgy.

Assembly Reflection: Mark 1: 14 - 20 "Follow me and I will teach you to help others"

This week's assembly theme was based on the theme of "Giving is great." We looked at what this meant in today's world. Caitlin said, "It was about being a kind person and sharing with each other. Sadie said, "It is about thinking about others."

We watched a film about a kind man who always put others first. The point of the film was what he received in return. We all agreed it was the happy emotions he felt when giving to others.

Candle Prayer: "Dear Lord, help us to give to others so that we find happy emotions"

Being Brilliant Assemblies: Carpe Diem - Being the Ant.

As a school, we really try to promote mental health to the children. We use SUMO (Stop Understand and Move On!) by Paul Mcgee. This half term we are learning about, "Learn Latin and Carpe Diem." This introduces the idea that change comes through action. The aim of the unit is to move the children away from saying "I wish I had," to, "I'm glad I did." It's all about **doing the things we need to do, when we need to do them.**

Nursery Open Day: Saturday Morning, 26th January, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Open day on Wednesday was a huge success and very well attended. It was lovely to hear about the excellent reputation our school nursery has in the local area. For those parents who couldn't attend, the next open day is on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please encourage any prospective parents to come along and meet the staff and have a look around the department.

Tesco Vouchers Raise Money for School in January and February

Please remember to ask for a coin/vouchers at Tesco stores and register your vote for St Christopher's so we can raise money for our forest school.

The Tesco stores are:

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| Ashton-Under-Lyne Express | OL6 6NQ |
| Denton Mancunian Rd Express | M34 7NP |
| Hattersley Extra | SK14 3AU |
| Hyde Stockport Express | SK14 5RF |
| Stalybridge Superstore | SK15 2BJ |

Healthy Eating

Can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and ask you to follow our healthy eating and lunchbox policy, listed on the website. Please remember that a healthy lunchbox contains: salad, lots of fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurts, sandwiches and wraps, juice and water. Things that are not allowed are: biscuits, chocolate, cakes, fizzy drinks and crisps.

Forest School

The children are really enjoying forest school on a Tuesday and Friday. They have carried out lots of activities that involve the outdoors. Can we please ask that you send in your children with old clothes and wellington boots for the activities. There are still a small number of children in classes who repeatedly forget these items. Unfortunately, they have to miss out on many exciting activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sport

Our school football team were competing on Wednesday night at the Catholic school's indoor boys football competition at Copley Recreation Centre. We are really pleased to report that they won the competition. The team did extremely well in their games - drawing one and winning five. It was a brilliant performance and the attitude shown from the team was amazing! Can we thank Mr Finan and Mr Eckersley for taking the boys and organising the team.

Reception

The children were very excited in Reception when they had a visit from Cinderella. The children's theme this term is Cinderella: "Should Cinderella have been invited to the ball?" The children hot seated Cinderella, which means they asked her lots of questions and found out information about her.

Projects

Many thanks for projects that were carried out over the holidays; they were wonderful. I always take the time to go around each class and look at them. The projects are really important as they act as a hook to the topic the children will be studying during the next half term; so it gives them an interest. They have been photographed and can be viewed on the website. Well Done!

St Christopher's 50th Anniversary: Friday June 14th

On Friday June 14th the school will be celebrating a very special anniversary, 50 years since the school was opened. The PTA have already started planning the event and have lots of fantastic ideas for the day and evening. If you know any old pupils, over 18, who have been at the school please can you ask them if they can attend. There is also an evening event planned in St Christopher's Hall on the same day.

Busy Bees Before and After School Club

Can we please remind parents to book in advance for places in the Busy Bees Club. The club is extremely popular and can sometimes be full. Every effort is made to accommodate a child but parents can sometimes be disappointed when the club can't take them. Thank you for your cooperation.

Snow

Closure of the school is always taken extremely seriously and as a very last resort. Can we please remind parents that if a decision to close the school is made, due to the weather, it will be listed on the website by 7.30 a.m. We will also text alert parents, advertise on the radio and display it on the PTA Facebook page.

Website

The school website has undergone a new design and will be available shortly. Can we remind you that photographs are still in the gallery area of the site.

Celebration Assembly

| CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS | | |
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| Class | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| Nursery | Penelope Holden & Sofia Wright | Iris Sharples & Aisha Saqib |
| Reception | Ola Zarzycka & Joshua Taylor | Florence Clarke & Henry Potts |
| Year 1 | Joshua Smith & George Jones | Harper Thompstone & Tadek Chmara |
| Year 2 | Milly Clare & Stanley Irvine | Noah Wilkinson & Amelia Hartley |
| Year 3 | Ava Lomas & Lucy Wilkinson | Natalia Kaszczuk & Amelia Cookson |
| Year 4 | Eva Danko & Ciera Mullen | Poppy Biddle & Shaun Shibu |
| Year 5 | Laura Ciuckowska & Reece Finan | Ava Matthews & Summer Schofield |
| Year 6 | Rosie Slater & Mary Dalpiaz | Ellie Donnelly & Garth Herman |

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): **Week 1:** Year 6 98.4% **Week 2:** Year 4 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.

Spring 1 Half Term Events

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| Sat. 26 th Jan | Nursery Open Morning 10.00a.m.-12.00noon |
| Weds. 30 th Jan | Year 3 Trip to Museum of Science & Industry |
| Sun. 3 rd Feb | 11.00 Mass & Santo Nino Celebration St. Ann's, Ashton |
| Mon. 4 th Feb | Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport |
| Tues. 5 th Feb | Whole School Safer Internet Day |
| Tues. 5 th Feb | Year 6 Robinwood Parents Meeting 3.15p.m. |
| Thurs. 14 th Feb | Year 1 trip to Hindu Temple |
| Fri. 15 th Feb. | School closes for half term |
| Mon. 25 th Feb | School re-opens |
| Weds.6 th -Fri. 8 th March | Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood |