



Friday 8th February 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: Mark 2: 18 - 22 "They are happy because I am with them."

This week's assembly theme was: "Jesus being with us through good and bad times." We watched a film about the prayer "Footprints." Then we discussed about times when we feel sad or afraid, and the power of prayer. We acted out a scene where the footprints prayer could happen in our lives

Candle Prayer: "Dear Lord, we thank you for being with us in our lives."

Santa Nino (Child Jesus)

The Filipino community held a wonderful celebration to celebrate the feast of Santa Nino last Sunday. Father Simon led the mass with the Filipino community carrying out their beautiful singing. We were all invited in the hall to watch their amazing dancing and singing in their beautiful costumes. The food was incredible and every person was made so welcome. We would like to thank the community for a wonderful day and their very generous donation to the school and gifts for the staff. It was a wonderful day and brought a smile to everyone's faces.

Year 3: Sacramental Programme

This weekend, the children in Year 3 will be carrying out the next class for the sacramental programme: "Prayer in the Family." It will take place on Saturday at 9 a.m. at St Ann's Church, Ashton. Please remember if you want your child to take part in Holy Communion they must attend mass every Sunday and all the sacramental sessions.

British Values Assemblies (Democracy, Responsibility, Respect & Tolerance, and the Rule of Law)

As a school, we always promote British values in everything we do. We use a resource called "Picture News" which gives us weekly topics to discuss with the children. The idea is that the topics help the children to understand the values listed above. The topic areas we have discussed this half term are: "Should we spend more time with people who are older than us?" and "Should all children receive free fruit at school?" The discussions produced really interesting answers from the children.

Safer Internet Day

The school celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. The day started with an assembly on the positive and negative uses of the internet. The children went through tips on staying safe on the internet. They watched a film about two very important safety tips: Never give out your identity and never meet anyone from the internet. If they were worried or saw something they shouldn't, then they should tell an adult immediately. The assembly was followed by activities in class. Natalia, in Year 3, made a safer internet poster and said, "The internet is good but can be dangerous, never give out your name or address and never meet anyone."

Manchester Science Museum Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum as part of their Science topic on light. They were able to conduct experiments and learn about light and reflection. Ruby said, "I liked it when you pedalled a bike and saw a skeleton." Jayden said, "I liked the magnet experiment." (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

Manchester Airport Trip

Year 2 really enjoyed their trip to the airport as part of their topic on the Wright Brothers. The children went on a tour of the airport, visited an aeroplane and learnt about how the airport operates. Noah said, "I enjoyed seeing Concorde," and George said, "I enjoyed dressing up and pressing all the buttons on the plane." Don't worry - the plane was on the ground at the time! (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

Chinese New Year

The school celebrated Chinese New Year on Tuesday, the year of the pig. Jenny and the Kitchen staff cooked a delicious Chinese meal. The children all thought it was amazing. Isabella said, "I enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year." Melissa said, "I loved the sweet and sour chicken." (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

Sport

Well done to all the children in KS1 who took part in the "Cone It" competition at Denton Community College. They competed really well and had a great time. A huge thanks to Mrs McLoughlin, who took the children. She said their behaviour and attitudes were outstanding. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

Change 4 Life

Leaflets and packs have gone home this week about Change 4 Life. They contain information about healthier swaps that you can make to help your children lead healthier and happier lives. At school we are trying to promote extra fitness sessions for the children. We are also asking that parents make sure that children's lunchboxes are healthier: please see the lunchbox policy section on the website.

Daily Dash

The school has started an afternoon fifteen minute fitness session called the "Daily Dash." Children in the Juniors stop work at 2 o'clock and go into the hall, or outside, for fifteen minutes of fun and exercise. (Pictures in the gallery area of the website).

EYFS New Play House

Money raised at the Christmas Nativities has gone towards buying a new wooden playhouse for the children. All the nursery and reception children were really excited to play in the new house. I have been inside and it feels really comfortable and cosy. We will use it to encourage lots of role-playing, reading and writing. Thank you so much for your support in buying it.

Kumon Maths

The children will be bringing home leaflets promoting Kumon Maths. A number of parents are using Kumon maths to support their child's learning as it really improves their maths skills. The first lesson is free.

Parking

Can we remind a very small number of parents not to park over neighbour's drives on St Christopher's Road. The house opposite the pedestrian entrance gate is continually affected. If a driver parks over the drive then the school will now note the number plate and report it to the Police. We have a good relationship with our neighbours and wish it to continue. Parking across someone's drive and leaving your car isn't fair.

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:

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

Website

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

School Money

As the financial year draws to an end please could parents check the School Money system and ensure all payments are up-to-date. Any parents who have not yet accessed the system are asked to do so to make sure there are no outstanding payments on their child's account.

Celebration Assembly

CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS		
Class	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Sebastian Streit & Sophia Randall	Lola Farrell & Freddie Finan
Reception	Daisy Hall & Roman Conry	Demileigh Mendoza & Archie Kwiatkowski
Year 1	Jayden Finan & Ellis Bradbury	James Powell & Rosa Radcliffe
Year 2	George Beswick & Julia Gostumska	Elliot Schofield & Alexander Wach
Year 3	Caitlyn Tedin-Perez & Ronnie Lester	Amelia Cookson & Oliver Potts
Year 4	Poppy Biddle & Lily Dear	Alaya Dickson & Toby Ebbrell
Year 5	Venice Perez & Alfie Dickson	Georgia Taylor-Bennison & Reece Finan
Year 6	Amelia Marzec & Finley Bevan	Princess Adeyemi & Alfie Blease

Attendance Trophy (School Target 97%): **Week 1:** Year 4 98.8% **Week 2:** Year 4 100%

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.

Spring 1 Half Term Events

Mon. 11 th Feb-Fri.15 th Feb	Assessment week
Weds. 13 th Feb	Reception & Year 5 trip to Skipton Castle
Thurs. 14 th Feb	Year 1 trip to Hindu Temple
Fri. 15 th Feb.	Year 1 Indian Theme Day
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