



Friday 15th March 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: "Laudato Si" (Looking after our Common Home)**

This week's assembly theme was based on a letter called "Laudato Si" by Pope Francis. It is addressed to every person on the planet asking us all to protect the earth. Bishop John has also written to every Primary school asking us all to become involved in environmental issues. The children watched a CAFOD animation about the environment and were then asked to reflect and discuss the following questions:

What is Pope Francis asking us to do?

How does the Pope say we have treated the earth?

What has happened to the earth because of this?

How can we play our part to look after our "common home"?

**Candle Prayer:** *"Lord help us to save our common home, the earth, and care for it."*

**Parent's Consultation Day Electronic Booking System**

You will shortly be able to book your consultation meeting (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March) with the teacher on-line. This is done by logging on to our new 'Parents Evening' Booking system operated by the same company as our School Money system. Full details will be sent out on Monday next week.

Spring term is a really good opportunity to see your child's teacher about how they are progressing in school. It will be an opportunity to look in their books and find out if there are any areas for improvement. Every parent has a fifteen minute slot so they have time to discuss their child in detail.

**World Book Day**

Thank you to all the children for dressing up for work book day, it was a brilliant day. World Book day is about raising the awareness of reading and encouraging the children to read more at home for pleasure.

There are so many benefits of reading for your child: **children who read often get better at it; it exercises the brain; improves concentration; develops their imagination; improves their writing, but most of all its fun.** (Please see the gallery area of the Website)

**We have to ensure that our children read regularly:**

Nursery, Reception and KS1: 5-10 minutes a night to a parent

Years 3 - 6: Ideally with a parent and children reading on their own for at least fifteen minutes.

**Bookstart**

Sarah Barlow from Bookstart came into school on Thursday to talk to our Nursery parents and grandparents about the importance of reading to children from an early age. She gave away a book called "Simon Socks" to all parents attending. This book will be used in the Nursery class next week as part of their focus on reading:

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

### **Ash Wednesday & Lent**

Thank you for your donations of tinned food and toiletries for the Cornerstones homeless charity. Miss Mulhall and the children delivered them to Sister Lucy at Cornerstones. Sister Lucy wrote a lovely letter to the children thanking our school for the donation; it really makes a difference. (Please see the gallery area of the Website).

### **Please could you collect and hand in the following items next week:**

Week 3: Pasta sauces, curry sauces, cooking sauces

Week 4: Tea, coffee and sugar

Week 5: Soap powder / detergent

Week 6: Socks, hats and gloves

The GIFT Team have also been holding their weekly prayer group for the children to be silent and pray at lunchtime.

### **Robinwood Outward Bound Centre**

Year 6 have just returned from Robinwood Outward Bound Centre. All the children had an incredible time and have memories that will stick with them forever. The children couldn't say what their favourite activity was as there were so many. A few highlights were canoeing, zip wire, caving, rock climbing and the team challenge. Can I thank the teachers, Miss Mulhall, Mrs Gilligan and Mr Cooper for giving up their time and making sure the children had a safe and wonderful time. (Please see the gallery area of the Website).

### **Governors Learning Walk**

Our school governors took part in a learning walk on Monday to see how the teaching of our new religion scheme, "Come and See", is progressing. They went into many classes and looked at books and talked to children. They also interviewed the GIFT team to find out about all they are doing in school. They were really impressed with the things they saw and the children they talked to. (Please see the gallery area of the Website).

### **Twitter ([Twitter@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk](https://twitter.com/st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk))**

We have recently created a Twitter account to share information with you about all of the exciting things happening at school. Our account is an information sharing one and is not to be used as a forum for sharing opinions. Staff will not be replying to any questions asked, or direct messages sent, as there are many opportunities to discuss individual issues / concerns with staff. 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](https://twitter.com/st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk)

Consent has been sought from parents to share photographs of the children on our school website. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be photographed and on Twitter then please send in written confirmation to your class teacher by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Packed Lunch**

The dinner staff are reporting that packed lunches are improving and children have stopped bringing in chocolate and fizzy drinks. We will be telling children that these items are not allowed in their lunch boxes and if they are found they will be returned home. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Money System**

As we are fast approaching the end of the financial year on 31<sup>st</sup> March could we please ask that all parents check for any outstanding items on their account and settle any balances.

We will also be launching very soon our new parent messaging system 'Teachers2Parents' so that we can send out the majority of letters etc electronically. More details to follow.

### Swimming Gala

Well done to all the swimmers who took part in the Catholic School's gala last Friday evening. It was a really exciting event and the team competed so well. All the teachers were so impressed with the children's resilience and competitive attitude. The children won some individual races and finished in the top three in many team events. Many thanks to Mrs Quigley and Miss Clarke who helped organise the team for the event. (Please see the gallery area of the Website).

### Cheerleading Competition

Well done to the Cheerleading Team who competed at Denton High School. They did really well against the other schools and finished fourth. Many thanks to Miss Ratcliffe who organised the team. (Please see the gallery area of the Website).

### Football

Well done to the school football team who competed on a very rainy night last Friday. The team did so well and won 6 - 1 against Broadoak Primary School. Many thanks to Mr Finan for organising the team and the fixtures.

### Celebration Assembly

CLASS MENTION AWARD WINNERS		
Class	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Lyla Thomasson & Ksawier Wronka	Millie McKenna & Archie Biddle
Reception	Francesca Lawton & Luca Feno-McBride	Sienna Patel & Jacob Kumar
Year 1	Aaron Akers & Margaux Mendoza	Oscar Wronka & Wynonah Diu
Year 2	Tilly Blease & Sebastian Leyden	Milly Clare & James Potts
Year 3	Ava-Grace Smith & Jacob Burke	Sophie Freeman & Harmani Poulston
Year 4	Kaithlyn Cabaylo & Aiden Slack	Eashan Mistry & Troy Servan
Year 5	Isabella Leyden & Jacob Midgley	Katie Stephenson & Dominic Lee
Year 6	At Robinwood	Chloe Smith & Harvey Teeling

**Attendance Trophy** (School Target 97%): Week 1: **Reception** 99.4%    Week 2: **Year 2 & Year 3** both 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 2 Half Term Events

Weds. 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Trip to Beatles Museum
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non-uniform day for Mother's Day Gifts
Tues. 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Concert
Weds. 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Gift Sale for EYFS & KS1 morning break
Thurs. 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Consultation Day
Thurs. 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Gift Sale for KS2 morning break
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day for Easter Eggs
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Stations of the Cross
Weds. 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Egg Raffle
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Passion Play
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School re-opens