



Wednesday 26 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last week, Class 12 shared a wonderful Act of Worship around the special people in our lives, linking their Gospel Value on Community to the British Values of Respect and Individual Liberty. The children shared their research around different charities, including RSPCA, CAFOD, Macmillan and Cancer Research, explaining why each charity was important to them. It was wonderful to hear why the children supported their chosen charity.

CAFOD Live Simply Award

We are very excited to announce that St. Mary's School is aiming to achieve the Live Simply Award; this involves us making commitments as a school community to live simply, live sustainably with creation and live in solidarity with the poor. Each of the headings involves three pledges and we are delighted to now be able to share them with you.

To Live Simply we promise to reduce our reliance on single use plastic items, especially in our catering operations; furthermore, encourage everyone to be less wasteful and think about their impact on the environment. The Trust is in the process of establishing an Online CAFOD World Gifts Village and Lenten journey route map, which we will encourage use of within the school community as well as within the wider community. Our UKS2 and LKS2 Synod Reps are working on Acts of Worship for the end of this half term about wasting food, and this will lead into our Walk Against Hunger Lenten fundraiser. The Eco Club have already begun their litter picking campaign.

To Live Sustainably with Creation, we promise to increase recycling in our School and find out where our recycling goes, the ECO Club and Chaplaincy Team will work together on this and produce a report at the end of the school year. We will encourage the children, staff, parents and carers to follow and understand the design of the new sustainable St Mary's School building and how it will support the national and global network. Of course, we will also continue to fundraise for CAFOD.

To Live in Solidarity with the Poor we promise to start an ongoing food bank in School. The basket is already in the office reception area for people to leave donations. When it is full, we will ensure it is taken to one of our city foodbanks, for example the Padley Centre or Derby City Mission. We are going to be having a clothing bank too, a system will be developed where uniform and clothing can be regularly donated to school. Donated items will be laundered and ironed on site before being distributed to families in need. This should be up and running by April 2022. To live in solidarity with someone we need to know about their lives and aspirations, respect their needs and work to promote changes that will benefit them. We will widen our knowledge of developing nations. Our School contains people from diverse backgrounds and countries, we will reach out and learn about life in other places, producing booklets to share about each of the following countries: Philippines, Peru, Ghana and India. If you are from one of these countries, or know someone who is, and would be willing to share your experiences with the children, please let Mrs Hazel know. We are also going to be part of an exciting Trust global cookbook project – inviting families to send in favourite and traditional recipes. The winning entries will then be included in the book which will be sold to raise funds for CAFOD.



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Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Neala R, Jermin R, Sophie C, Hektor B, Daisy W, Louie S, Vanessa M, Scarlet A, Joseph A, Alyanna C, Phoebe W, Jophiel S and Marc S-H. More congratulations are awarded to all of Class 12 for sharing their class Act of Worship.

A special mention goes to Scarlet A and Emilia J who both received a distinction in Solo Introductory Stage One award for drama. Also to Samuel B for being Man of the Match for his football club voted by his manager and parents for saving 4 penalties. Finally, to Leo D who was our winner of the Eco competition held over the Christmas holidays. His piece of artwork made from recyclable items was selected by our Eco team. Congratulations to you all.

COVID-19

May we please take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for your vigilance in following the guidance during this time. We are seeing an increase of positive cases of COVID through Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) and we ask that you continue to remain vigilant for any symptoms, including sore throat, runny nose, fatigue (unusually tired) and other cold like symptoms. If your child/ren develops any of these symptoms we ask you to ensure your child takes a LFT and take all necessary actions at this time.

If your child develops a fever (high temperature), a new, continuous cough and/or loss/change to sense of smell/taste, please book in for a PCR straight away.

Dates for your Diary

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 18 February – Last day of term
- Monday 28 February – INSET
- Tuesday 1 March – Children return following half-term
- Friday 8 April – Last day of term
- Monday 25 April - School re-opens for the Pentecost Term
- Friday 27 May – Last day of term
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term
- Friday 1 July – INSET
- Friday 22 July – Last day of term

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

The Leadership Team



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