



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Another lovely, but cold week, started with us learning about the many names and titles we give to Jesus, in particular, the term 'Lamb of God' and why this has special and dual meaning in relation to Jesus' gentle and calm manner, but also to the great sacrifice.

Thank you to all year six parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope you found it useful and feel well informed about all things year six, including the Sacrament of Confirmation, transition, expectations, SATs and the Alton Castle residential.

Well done, also, to our Year Six, who we hope are enjoying their visit to St Chad's today. We are sure your behaviour will be exemplary and look forward to hearing all about it next week.

In Catholic life news, we are pleased to share that £177 was raised as a result of donations instead of exchanging Christmas cards last term. We also raised £138 from the family fast, soup and roll day. This means that £315 was raised for Cafod World Gifts. This was a choice made by our Mini Vinnies. Each class now has a share of the money to spend on world gifts of their choice. The children have been spending time discussing the gifts that they would like to purchase, linking this to our Catholic Social teachings: democracy, subsidiarity, solidarity and option for the poor.

resources such as spellingactical and frequently requested it Y4 had a fantastic time at Walsall Art Gallery on Wednesday learning about and admiring the art work. We look forward to seeing how their project progresses.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been improving their handwriting and presentation, showing enthusiasm for all of their learning and support and compassion for their classmates.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YN for super listening and Y4 for excellent maths work

Our lunchtime award went to YR for beautiful manners and excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y2 with 100%.

Catholic Social Teachings

Participation and The Common Good:

We are learning about how we all have the right and duty to participate fully and responsibly in society and we are all called to work for the good of each and for all.

Loving God,

We believe that everyone has special gifts and talents. Thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us to make sure everyone can use the talents you gave them.

**Lord in your mercy,
Here our prayer.**



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Notices

- Last week, we let you know about the slight changes to the menus, available on the website. Our cooks work so hard and the school meals served are nutritious and delicious! We are pleased to welcome Mrs Agnew-Hellier to our school kitchen as a new catering assistant. She is settling in really well and enjoying getting to know our lunchtime systems.
- During the week beginning 5th February, we will be completing some further work on Children's mental health and also online safety. Nicola Rudge, our online safety advisor, will be leading an online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 7th February at 2:15pm. Please put this date in your diary.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are gratefully received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. We will keep you updated on recent purchases.
- Walsall Council's Admissions & Sufficiency Team would like to invite you to complete a survey as part of exploring the expansion of Wraparound childcare. In the March spring budget, the government announced an investment of £289m for a national wraparound programme to support all families who need to access wraparound childcare. With this in mind, they would be grateful if you could complete the survey below by Sunday 21st January.
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x3ncXWI-j0K6MISyShrZIHcrhfHD9h9JgYa5tNcDZfxUOVJOS0k1Q0MxWFZUUIRINIIIRSFRQVEVQRiQIQCN0PWcu>

Events

Fridays - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (every Friday until Easter)

Tuesday 23rd January - Y5 attending Mass with the Parish

Sunday 28th January 9:30am - Y3 Mass of Commitment

Tuesday 30th January - Y6 attending Mass with the Parish

5th-9th February - Online Safety and Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Y3 attending Mass with the Parish

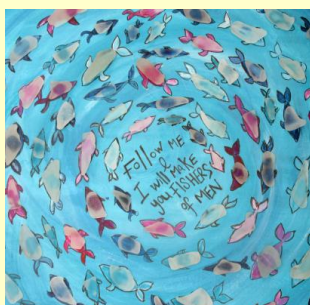
Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week, we hear through Mark's Gospel, how Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John. We can reflect on how each of us is called to follow Jesus by sharing God's love with everyone as he taught us to.

*"Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'
And at once they left their nets and followed him."*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher



God, I am Your disciple. Please teach me how to live a life that reflects who You are. As I grow in my faith, provide me with a community where we can teach and support one another. Help us to live out Jesus' model for living well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

