



„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

**9th February 2024**

**Message from Mrs Procter**



A quieter week this week at Christ the King, although our Year Five children enjoyed Bikeability in all weathers!

Please note the change to the lunch menu on Wednesday as it is Ash Wednesday we will be having our roast dinner on Thursday instead and Pizza on Wednesday. KS2 children will be joining the parish for Ashes and Father Louis will be coming into school to give Ashes to our KS1 children. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, which is a time for us to reflect and prepare for Easter.

As a school this year we will be raising money for Cafod during Lent- more details to follow after half term.

**Weekly Reflection**

**Ethos Statement – I can use words to make the world a better place.**

One of the smallest words we can say that makes a great difference is 'sorry'. Sometimes we say it so quickly and so often that we do not really think about what we are saying and we do not always truly mean it. Jesus tells us that we need to be contrite – truly sorry for what we do wrong and that when we are sorry we should not only use the word but try and make up for our mistakes by changing our behaviour too. In the story of The Prodigal Son we learn how God is there waiting for us to come back to him and say we are sorry. If we do, then he will always forgive us no matter what we have done wrong. If it has been a while since you last went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then perhaps you could consider seeking God's love in this special way. If you have not made your First Reconciliation yet, then maybe you could say a little sorry prayer to God.

**The following children have shown they can use words to make the world a better place this week:**

FJH	Ivy Taylor	1DH	Audrey Hughes	2HK	Alex Turner
FJH	Grayson Glascott	1DH	Willow Mathews	2HK	Georgia Regan
FBG	Christopher Pavoloski	1SH	Catharina Fantin Novaes	2HW	Mila Cosma Chiappero
FBG	Martha Mealor	1SH	Keira Jones	2HW	Joseph Campbell

3EJ	Mikey Simpson	4DJ	Caleb Degg	5AY	Hugo Macmillan
3EJ	Harry Stewart	4DJ	James Taylor	5AY	Edith May Charles
3KH	Brody Chee	4RL	Grace Holsgrove	5MJ	Ben Burton
3KH	Molly Keane	4RL	Hugo Pietruczuk	5MJ	Prisha Gurnell

6HS	Zeke Howard
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6HS	Amira Johnston
6RM	Nancy-Rose Lawrence
6RM	Lucas Limb

## Team Points

<b>KS1</b>	Matthew	<b>KS2</b>	Luke	<b>Overall</b>	Luke
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## Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance and contrition but they also remind us that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him. We are called to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. What can you do this Lent to prepare for Easter? How can you help those in need? Can you try and pray a little more each day? Can you give something up in order to help others? Perhaps you could receive the sacrament of reconciliation? Whatever it is that you decide to do this Lent, remember that God is with you always and you can ask Him for help when you are finding it hard.



Next week, some classes will be attending Mass to receive their ashes and others will receive them in school. We are looking forward to marking the start of our Lenten journeys together.

## Year 3 Reconciliation

Don't forget that our first session for reconciliation preparation will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 6pm in school. Please come to the main entrance.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5pm – 6pm in church.

## Year 3 Mass for Prayer Sponsors

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Mass for Prayer Sponsors yesterday. The children read beautifully and it was lovely to present our prayer cards to the children's sponsors. Fr Humphrey reminded us of the power of prayer and that God always listens to us but he may not always answer our prayers in the way that we want. That is because, as our Father, he knows what is best for us and that is what he gives us. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue on this stage of their faith journey.



## Numberday

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be holding Numberday - a day when we celebrate maths. Children are invited to wear an outfit that celebrates numbers/maths e.g. a football shirt with a number on, birthday badge, a top with a date or year on it. If they would like to design their own number-related top then that is great too!

## Safer Internet Day 2024

Every February, Safer Internet Day is an opportunity for millions around the world to raise awareness of online safety and wellbeing. This year's theme surrounds 'Inspiring Change'. All year groups enjoyed exploring some of the changes we have seen in technology over the years and thinking about how *they* can inspire change.



## Wirral Festival of Music

The choir and the recorder club will be defending their title on Saturday 16th March. Details will be sent nearer to the date.

Please if your child has left choir and has been given a choir shirt, can you return it to school ASAP. Thank you.

## FS2 Trip to Imagine That!

We will be going to an interactive museum on Wednesday 20th March 2024. The trip will include a minimum of three science workshops. The trip will provide lots of hands on opportunities for us to explore and learn about science. They have introduced some exciting new workshops including exploring the properties of solids and gases in an amazing visual experience. If that is not enough, we then get to explore all of the different areas: imagination village, creation area (we get to paint on cars!) and science investigation area (where we stand inside a giant bubble!).



**The cost of the trip is £18.50 which must be paid via ParentPay before 13th March.** Your child must wear their school jumper or cardigan but can have their own t-shirt and bottoms. A packed lunch from the school canteen will be provided for the trip and the children with allergies will be catered for. We will leave and return within school hours so drop off and pick up times will remain the same as a normal school day. This trip was fantastic last time we went and we are really looking forward to taking the children.

## Year 1 visit to Hayrack Church Farm

As part of our spring Science topic and instructions in English next term, Year 1 will be visiting Hayrack Church Farm on Friday 19th April. Children will get an interactive session for a hands on experience to meet spring baby animals, entry to an indoor soft play room, adventure playgrounds, bag of food to feed an animal of choice, make a bird feeder and paint a ceramic pot. Lunch will be provided by school. The cost of the trip, including coach will be £16 and paid via ParentPay.

## Year 4 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

On Friday 8th March, Year 4 will be taking a trip to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to watch a concert to celebrate the Olympics in Paris this coming summer. We have booked tickets for this day at 10:30am. We will be travelling there and back by coach and leaving school at 9:15am and returning in the middle of lunchtime. We ask that all children bring a packed lunch on this day; unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, where a sandwich option will be provided. We will eat once back at school.

The tickets cost £12.50 per child and this will now be live on ParentPay.

## Caritas Parent Nurturing Groups 2024

Caritas parent nurturing groups will continue next Thursday in the Junior Hall 9-10am with Lisa. These sessions are open to everyone and anyone so please feel free to come along. They are aimed at giving you some practical tips for supporting your child at home when they may be

upset and dysregulated. Note the change of date and venue. **Thursdays** at 9am in the junior hall, please enter via the school office.

## **UNICEF**

Our UNICEF children have had a lovely idea to help those less fortunate than ourselves. 'BRING A TIN' will run between now and the end of this half term. We are asking each child to bring in a tin of food soup, beans, fruit or vegetables which will be donated to the Wirral Foodbank.

Please do not send in any money; just a tin from your cupboard will be perfect. Tins should be given to your child's teacher who will then pass them on to me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs. Kane



## **News from the PFA- Official Notice of AGM**

We will be holding our AGM Thursday 15th February 2024 at 6:30pm in the Church hall. Details of the meeting and nomination forms for committee roles are attached to this newsletter. We hope to give an insight into the specifics of each role over the next few weeks. If you are interested in a formal or informal role. All the current committee members will be more than happy to chat with you about what each role entails. It would be wonderful to see some new faces and some old ones too.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	PFA AGM 6:30pm- Church Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School- reopens
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	First session Reconciliation Preparation- 5pm in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation- 5pm in Church
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wirral Festival of Music
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	FS2 Trip to Imagine That
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Numbers Day

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Residential Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 visit to Hayrack Church Farm