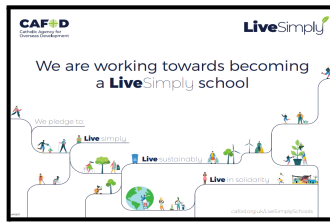




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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 23rd February 2024

Lent

As a school we continue our journey through Lent. Each week we have a 'Lenten Symbol' which is discussed and used as a theme in worship. For next week the symbol is '30 pieces of silver'. Judas was a disciple of the Lord. How did he become the one who betrayed the Lord? Judas placed his love of money, power and status above his love of the Lord. What do you place above the love of the Lord? Sometimes we put football, dance and parties ahead of going to Mass at the weekend. Sometimes we get distracted during prayer time. The Lord loves us and longs for us. He yearns for us to talk to Him and listen to Him. How can you improve your relationship with God through prayer during this Lenten season?

Gospel Virtues

This half term, pupils at St Nicholas are striving to be FAITH-FILLED and HOPEFUL. This week Finley (Y2) and Tommy (Rec) have received wristbands as staff have witnessed them living out the virtues.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**



Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages...this week is Polish.

Our Father in Polish

Ojcze Nasz, któryś jest w niebiesiech,
święć się imię twoje;
przyjdź królestwo twoje,
bądź wola twoja,
jako w niebie tak i na ziemi.
Chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj,
i odpuść nam nasze winy,
jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom.
I nie wódz nas w pokuszenie,
ale nas zbaw ode złego
Amen.

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Today our Year 3 class helped to mark CAFOD Family Fast Day by forgoing their usual lunch and having a very basic lunch of soup and a roll. Pupils did this to raise money for CAFOD and stand in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. This is also one of our Live Simply Award actions.

Women's World Day of Prayer - 1st March at 10.30am

St Nicholas church will be hosting a multi-faith day of prayer for women on Friday 1st March at 10.30am. Year 6 will be attending and leading some of the singing. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Cake Sale

Well done to Georgia A in Y2 who raised over £150 for Shelter Homeless Charity this week by organising a bake sale in school. This is truly Catholic Social Teaching in action - well done Georgia (and Mom)!

Happy News!

Huge congratulations to Mrs Bowen & her husband who are expecting their first child in the summer. Mrs Bowen will be with us until the second half of the summer term. Arrangements for summer 2 are in hand and will be communicated to Reception parents in due course.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 19.2.24
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	93.3% BELOW 95%
Well done to our joint winners this week, Years 2 & 3! You can negotiate a reward with your class teachers.	

PFA Meeting - NEW DATE

There will be a PFA meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 6.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. The annual PFA Mothers' Day Tea will be on Friday 8th March at 3.45pm - more details to follow.

Years 5 & 6 Campfire stories - Thursday 29th February 2024

On Thursday 29th February, pupils in Years 5 & 6 are invited back into school at 4:45pm to share stories and toast marshmallows around the campfire. Pupils may wear pyjamas and bring a blanket but, as we are outside, these will need to be warm. Students can bring their favourite text to read and share with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

Years 3 & 4 Bedtime stories - Tuesday 12th March 2024

On Tuesday 12th March, pupils in Years 3 & 4 are invited back into school at 5pm to read stories in the hall. They can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book, a teddy and a blanket. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

Dates for the diary

29/2/24	Campfire stories - Yrs 5 & 6
4/3/24	Young Voices additional concert for other relatives
7/3/24	World Book Day
12/3/24	Bedtime stories - Yrs 3 & 4
19/3/24 and 20/3/24	KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - tickets only
26th & 27th March	Parents' Evenings
15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

8/3/24	Mothers' Day Tea at 3.45pm
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

God bless,

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

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