



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th February 2021

LENTEN MESSAGE

I would like to thank you children and parents for your overwhelming support this half term. You have worked incredibly hard and you really do deserve a break. I would like to also say thank you to the staff of St Clement's. They have really shown dedication and commitment this half term and I know you will join me in wishing them a well-deserved rest with their families.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 17th February. Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary and we see the mercy he shows towards others, despite his suffering. Just as God shows mercy towards us, like Jesus, we try to show mercy to others.

This Lent, we are also making our journey alongside families around the world living in poverty, especially those who do not have the basic things they need like enough food or clean water. The children and staff will be putting their faith into action during Lent for the benefit of their global neighbours. The children will be taking part in the CAFOD 'Walk for Water' campaign and this begins on Saturday 20th February with the 'Big Walk.' The goal is to walk 10,000 steps on this day and every day throughout Lent in solidarity with people who must walk to collect clean water. The Gospel value that we are focusing on during February in school is hope. This value is more than just wishing for things to be different; it is about believing that things either in our own personal world or the wider world can be better and being prepared to do something. I hope that you and the children will join thousands of others throughout the nation supporting some of the poorest communities in the world.

PRAYER OF HOPE

Keep us. Good Lord.

Under the shadow of your mercy in this time of
uncertainty and distress.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort
the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the
isolated of our love and your love.

For your name's sake.

Amen

BIRDWATCH

On the weekend of the 29th- 31st January the children took part in the RSPB birdwatch. The children in preparation for this event made bird feeders and took part in the BBC Live lesson about Birdwatch. The aim was to count the number of the different types of birds in their gardens or on their daily walks. The children in Year 5 made bird feeders for around the school and children posted pictures and drawings of the birds that they had spotted at home.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



The week of the 1st February was Children's mental health week. The children took part in a virtual assembly where they learnt that the theme for the week was 'Express Yourself.' On Tuesday they took part in a virtual prayer service and then joined Mrs Kelly for a squiggle activity during the assembly on Wednesday. On Thursday, all the pupils attended a live reading of the story 'The dot' and they ended the week by taking part in a virtual playtime. This gave them the opportunity to catch up with their friends. Throughout the week, the children engaged in activities designed to help them relax, feel happy and they were encouraged to explore their creative sides. On Friday 5th February, the children both at home and at school were encouraged to come to registration 'dressed to express'. They certainly achieved this and their outfits were very colourful. Thank you for all your donations, we raised a fantastic £272 for the Place2be Charity.





Reception enjoyed expressing themselves to their favourite music from the Lion King – dancing and moving like the different animals we have been learning about.

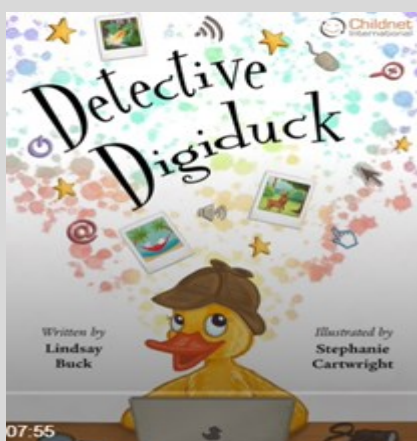
On Friday the children dressed to impress! They created models and colourful pictures to express themselves.

Zuri has been very creative at home this week. She made a colourful rainbow stick with her mummy. She brought it in to show us.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day on the 9th February encouraged the children to think about reliability online. The campaign looked at how we can know what to trust online, and how we can support pupils to question, challenge and change the online world using the theme '**An internet we trust: Exploring reliability in the online world.**'



During this day, the children discussed how to stay safe online, that not all information online is a fact, and therefore might not be trustworthy. They also identified ways to check that what they found out online is fact/untrue/opinion. They described and demonstrated how to get help if they find content that makes them feel upset, confused or worried. In Reception and Key Stage 1 they listened to '**Detective Digiduck**' to encourage them to start to think about online content and help them to understand that what they read or see online might be true, untrue or someone's opinion. In Key Stage 2, the children were encouraged to be internet detectives and again they were encouraged to '**Trust it or check it.**'

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

Year 6	Connor, Ben, Dillon, Kaylah, Raul and Asher
Year 5	George, Scarlett, Michael, Mia, Julia and Nathan
Year 4	Liam, Jacob, Braeden, Amelie, Sara and Frankie
Year 3	Alex, Oscar, Jude, Sylvie, Olivia and Ralph
Year 2	Isaac, Eliana, Joseph, Isabella, Ariadne and Oliver
Year 1	Imogen, Leon, Cerys, Elsie, Oscar and Myla
Reception	Isaac, Dora, George, Lucas, Gabriel and Ellie

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of courage and hope. We have thought about how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives.

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

Year 6 Sebastian and Ailbi
Year 5 Sophie and Tyla
Year 4 Leo and Enya
Year 3 Aaliyah and Jocelyn
Year 2 Harry M and Bertie
Year 1 Nolan and Emily
Reception Oscar and Sophia

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis.

House	Points
St Margaret	2919
St Clare	2178
St Francis	3125
St Benedict	2615

THANK YOU FRIENDS

Our Chromebooks arrived this half term and we have already been putting them to good use. We have loaned them out to children who have needed them to access learning at home and we have also used them in school to keep in contact with those children at home and to support the learning of those pupils in school.

A big thank you to the Friends for purchasing the Chromebooks for the school.

LENT CALENDAR

Lent Calendar—this will be posted on the Anchor Room on the 17th February.

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.40** per day.

The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April is £69.60 payable by Parentmail. Please remember that if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements that you need to give a full school weeks' notice to the school office.

School breaks up today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 22nd February**
We wish everyone a happy and restful week.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

Foundation Governors do not need to be education experts.

The most effective governors listen, think and ask questions.

There is no magic formula about what makes a perfect Foundation Governor, they come from all walks of life and all ages.

What is a Foundation Governor?

Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school. They have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. Governing boards have three core functions:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The ministry of Foundation Governor is an important one, because the Catholic character of our schools depends on committed Catholics being willing to undertake this service. The Bishop is therefore very appreciative of all those who offer to assist him in this vital task.

Responsibilities and Time Commitments

The average Foundation Governor role will take up about 10-12 hours per month. However, this can vary depending on the school calendar or by events, such as an Ofsted inspection.

This commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governor meetings per year and serving on at least one committee.

The committees will focus on areas such as finance, curriculum, pupil progress and site management.

You will also be encouraged to attend training sessions.



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Foundation Governors are practising Catholics, appointed by the local Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and represent the Bishop's education policy (e.g. worship and religious education) to the governing body.

Because not all governing bodies need the same skills, to be successful, it is vital that individuals from all backgrounds volunteer to be a Foundation Governor. A reference from your Parish Priest will be taken up as part of the application process.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Foundation Governor, please add your details to the form below and return it to Gill Sajnog by Friday 19th March 2021– Lead Officer Governance; E: gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk

Name:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Parish & Deanery:	