

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together



Friday 22nd March 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

This week our pupils had the opportunity to visit two of our Catholic High Schools.

On Wednesday, the Mini Vinnie's joined in a day of celebration at Chester Catholic High School. They really enjoyed joining in the activities and meeting other Mini Vinnie's.

On Thursday, the pupils in year four visited St. Nicholas Catholic High School for a taster day. They joined in a PE lesson, an Art lesson and time for reflection in the Chapel. They all had a wonderful experience and were made feel very welcome by the staff and students.

Today our pupils in Key Stage 2 took part in the Frodsham and Villages annual cross country run at Delamere Forest. There was a great atmosphere, we are very proud of all our pupils.

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Liturgical year. Please see the parish newsletter for details of mass times.

Wishing you all a very special weekend.

Eileen Murtagh

#### **Lion Cubs**

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week.

### **Little Church**

Come and join us at Little Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March during 11am mass.

#### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 25th March – Year 5 Violin concert Wednesday 27th March – Year 5 – Easter journey at main Street Community Church Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter

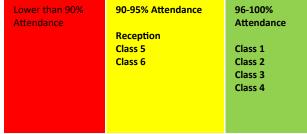
### Attendance

Overall Attendance this week 97.2%.

Across the school, **30 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means 4 school days missed
95% attendance means 10 school days missed
90% attendance means 19 school days missed
80% attendance means 38 school days missed
5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed



Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

### School lunch price increase reminder

A reminder that as detailed in the letter sent out in January, the price of a school meal will increase after the Easter holidays to £2.95 per day.

### Swimming crash courses from Halton leisure centres during Easter holidays





To book please spec call **0151 495 2200** ak to reception or

www.activehalton.co.uk

### Free bike checks this Easter



## **Cherry Class**

We have been working especially hard this week completing end of term assessments and showing off what we have learned this term.

In English we have been writing speech and imagining what the characters in the museum might say when they come to life!

In geography Reception have been drawing maps to show someone where all of the important places in Frodsham are.

We have enjoyed spending time with our year 6 buddies this week. They visited our classroom and read us a story.

We have finally finished making our moving books in DT. They look amazing! We mastered making characters move in different directions using levers and securing them using a bridge.

We had a special visit from Helsby Tennis Club this week. The coach, Mike, taught us some tennis skills and we worked so hard he gave us an invitation to an open day at Helsby Tennis .

We have been learning about Judaism this week and some of the key beliefs and traditions.

We are looking forward to Easter and learning all about Holy Week next week.



## **Elm Class**

Elm class have been working very hard this week during our assessment week. I am very proud of all of them for their hard work and positivity this week.

In English we have been writing poems about what we want to be when we grow up. We also had a turn at some Poem-Tree with the year 3s! Writing fabulous poems about forests around the world.

In geography, Year 2 have been comparing two famous landmarks, The Eiffel Tower and The Great Wall of China, learning lots of interesting facts along the way!

We have also enjoyed learning about Judaism this week, we have designed our own stain glass windows for in a synagogue, using Jewish religious symbols like the Star of David and The Menorah.



### **Yew Class**

In science this week, we have been investigating the relationship between volume and distance. We observed what we could hear during a clip of a train going past a station. We noticed that the further away the train, the lower the volume. We set up our own investigation to see if our predictions were correct. Miss Cotgreave played a sound on the ipad and we recorded the volume using a decibel meter. We then used metre sticks to measure the distance from the sound and recorded the decibels at each point.

In DT we learned about pneumatics and mechanisms. We learned pneumatic systems force air over a distance to create movement as a type of mechanism. We explored creating movement by using two plastic syringes and tubing to transfer air. We then looked at examples of pneumatic toys and created our own product design based on a design brief.

On Thursday, Year 4 participated in an activities day at St Nicholas Catholic High School. The children enjoyed experiencing a PE lesson and art lesson in addition to reflection time in the Chapel.



# **Cypress Class**

Do you think our local area is environmentally friendly? Do you know where all the rubbish goes once it has been collected? We have been investigating and learning more about landfill sites in our geography lesson this week. After finding out some shocking facts about the negative impact they have on the environment, we decided to create our own questionnaires to find out what people know/ think about the local area. We enjoyed working together to discuss the questions we wanted to ask.

In our art lesson, we have been experimenting with the best way to create layers using watercolours. We found out that the key to creating effective layers was to make sure it dried in between washes. Alongside our layer experiments, we also explored the different marks and patterns we could make and annotated our sketchbooks with the techniques we had used.

In our The Way, The Truth and The Life lessons, we have been focusing on the different parts of the Mass and the importance of each section. We thought about the link between Holy Communion and the Last Supper and reflected on what we can do in response the Jesus' words/ teachings.



# **Story spoon winners**

Well done to the World Book Day prize winners for their story spoons...



# Year 5 and 6 girls football team

The team now have their certificates for competing in the tournament last week, well done!

