

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Candlemas – Sunday 2nd February

Sunday is the Feast of Candlemas. This is when we remember the story of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. Simeon recognised Jesus as a very special baby and called him the light to show the way. Traditionally, all of the candles to be used in church that year are blessed on this day.

*"All the darkness in the world cannot
extinguish the light of a single candle".*

St Francis of Assisi

Weekly Attendance

Year	Attendance%
EYFS – Miss Johnson (Miss Horton)	96.0
EYFS – Mrs Housley/Mrs McCorkell	97.7
Year 1 – Miss Dillon	96.7
Year 1 – Mrs Mutch	98.0
Year 2 – Mrs Kinsella/Mrs Woods	98.9
Year 2 – Miss Wilson	94.0
Year 3 – Mrs Ashton	98.5
Year 3 – Mr Daly	98.5
Year 4 – Miss Weeder	97.7
Year 4 – Mr Gowans	93.1
Year 5 – Mr Felton	98.6
Year 5 – Miss Martin	95.7
Year 6 – Mrs Severs	96.2
Year 6 – Mr Gallagher	98.9

Sport UpdateGirls Football

The girls returned to winning ways yesterday with a 3-1 win in the local derby vs Rudston. Savannah Askew opened the scoring early on. This was followed by a fine long-range effort from Gabby Quayle. Jessie Kivi wrapped things up with the third late on.

Ellie Wigfield, making her first appearance, grew in confidence throughout the game. She made some important interceptions, passed the ball well and almost scored with a sweetly struck half volley. A cracking debut!

Well done girls!

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Ski Trip 2020



Our skiers are having a wonderful time in Italy this week. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures next week!

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 06.01.20	Y1	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Choir	Y3 -Y6	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.01.20	Y4,Y5,Y6	8am – 8.45am
Tuesday	LLS Gymnastics	EYFS – Y6	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.20	Y3	8am – 8.45am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.20	Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports	EYFS – Y6	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y3 – Y6	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Netball	Y6 Girls	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Dance	Y1 – Y6	8am – 8.45am
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.01.20	EYFS	3pm – 4pm

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Diary Dates

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 3rd February to Sunday 9th February

Y4 Sports Hall Athletics Competition – Thursday 6th February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February

Y4 With You Always Sessions – Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th February @ CTK Church

Mass – Thursday 13th February @ 9.30am

Y5 & Y6 Disco – Thursday 13th February 5pm – 7pm

School Closes for Half Term – Friday 14th February @ 3pm

Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Children Return to School – Monday 24th February @ 8.45am

Y1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park – Wednesday 26th February

Cross Country (Race 5) – Thursday 27th February @ Sefton Park 4pm

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General/Important Information

Dogs



Please be aware that dogs are not permitted on our school site.

School Nurse

Parents/carers can ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

Walking Bus

Walking bus will continue on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be using the same route – meet at Chelwood Avenue crossing at 8.30am ready to walk to school.

Please note scooters and bikes are not allowed on the Walking Bus for health & safety reasons. Can we also remind parents that the walking bus is for humans only! Some of our children are frightened of or are allergic to dogs.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year! We have been reading the story about Chinese New Year (the race story) and finding out which animal we would be depending on the year we were born. We now know that this year is, 'The Year of the Rat.' We have enjoyed writing sentences about this in our literacy books using our '5 Star Sentence Guide.' During busy time, the children completed various Chinese New Year themed activities such as: cutting and sticking the animals from the race story in the correct order, making Chinese lanterns and creating Chinese numbers using their funky fingers in the playdough area. In the outdoor area, the children have been very imaginative, pretending to be Chinese dragons and creating dens using the crates and planks of wood! In maths, we have been exploring the number 10. We have used Sully from Monsters Inc. to help us. The children have enjoyed using tens frames and whole part diagrams to help them solve word problems and to write number equations to show the different ways we can make 10. During phonics, we have enjoyed learning new sounds and reading words that have our new sound in them. The children have learnt new tricky words too. In RE, we remembered our topic of 'Celebrations' by gathering together on the carpet and sharing what we have learnt during our topic.

YEAR ONE:

This week we started our new English topic all about Instruction writing where we learned about the key features and why it is important that instructions are clear! We had lots of fun following instructions to make a ham sandwich. But most of all we enjoyed eating them! In Maths we have shown a fantastic understanding of some tricky methods which has involved subtracting from ones and even tens. We then learned how to create both addition and subtraction number sentences using just three numbers! We called this a 'number family'. Art was so much fun! As a year group, we created an amazing piece of fruit wallpaper. We used lots of fruit segments and dipped them into different colours, before printing them onto a gigantic roll of paper. We found that using the least amount of paint produced the best print. In Science we learned about animals and the food groups that they belong to such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. It was interesting to discover how certain animals ate food that we wouldn't have expected. In RE we continued to discuss the parish family and why we gather at Church together. We thought about what happens when we gather for Mass as a school and talked about how the priest welcomes us.

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YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week revising the knowledge, skills and strategies covered so far and applying it to their learning. They have shown great determination and we have been impressed with their progress!

In R.E. we have been talking about how the message of the Gospel is shared in Church. We talked about our experiences in Mass and watched a video before ordering the events. In History, we finished our topic by creating a final fact file of one of the explorers we have studied. The children have really enjoyed learning about these famous people and how their explorations have changed our lives.

On Thursday afternoon, as a reward for both Y2 classes being jointly awarded 'Class of the Week', the children enjoyed some extra outdoor games.

What a busy week! We look forward to more learning and fun next week!

YEAR THREE:

Our history focus has taken us from the Ice Age, through the Palaeolithic (old), Mesolithic (middle) and Neolithic (new) Stone Ages where, this week, the children explored a settlement that was exposed in the Orkney Islands off Scotland called Skara Brae. This ancient settlement is one of the earliest ever found and dates back to around 3000BC!

After a thoroughly enjoyable week of poetry last week, we have now moved on to our next English focus – adventure stories. The children watched a video clip of a young boy called Barney, venturing towards the edge of an old chalk stone pit (where his Gran told him not to go!) and, as could be predicted, he fell over the edge – where his adventure begins! This short clip was then linked to the novel 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We are looking forward to learning more of Barney and Stig's adventures in the coming weeks.

On Thursday, we once again welcomed Mr Triggs from MGL (Mersey Grid for Learning), who continued to teach the children about computer coding and programming. On the subject of computers, we encourage the children to continue to practise their times tables on the TT Rock-stars app, as a rapid recall of multiplication and their related division facts will benefit them across the range of mathematical concepts.

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YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have started to look at the art of persuasion, in English this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed watching a range of adverts and analysing key features. It was obvious that some of the adverts were extremely effective, as the children were very eager to find out where they could buy the product. A 'Flexi Torch' may just be the perfect birthday present for your child!

In Maths, we have been exploring bar and line graphs. The children have been discussing and answering questions on various trends in data over a period of time.

Finally, in RE, we looked at our local parish community. We used our parish website to research the different groups that take place every week. The children recorded what each group does and who they serve.

YEAR 5:

Think of far-off alien lands, blowing up balloons and making casein plastic, and that pretty much sums up the wonderful week it's been in Year 5!

In English, the children have written their own sci-fi story... and some have gruesome endings!

In Science, the children used bicarbonate of soda and white vinegar to blow up balloons – before mixing their remaining white vinegar with warm milk to make plastic moulds.

We look forward to welcoming back the skiers on Monday and hope they enjoy their final couple of days on the slopes.

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had a fun week this week in maths working out algebraic equations and finding the value of missing numbers. Looking at the Viking timeline and plotting events on a timeline proved tricky this week yet we succeeded and had fun doing so. Crime fiction was our topic in literacy this week and it was exciting trying to solve the case of the broken egg! Who murdered poor Humpty Dumpty?

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Youth.com is for boys and girls Y3 and above. The group meets every Monday during term time from 6.15pm to 7.15pm in the John Vianney room at Christ the King Church. We offer lots of activities in a caring and fun environment.

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Download our school app from the App Store or Google Play (links can be found on our school website under Parents Tab/School App) and receive our weekly newsletter every Friday!

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