

Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 9th March 2020
Virtues focus for next week: Forgiveness – I can forgive others

Attendance and House Team Winners

Congratulations to Year 6 who won the attendance trophy this week with 100%.

This week Blue Team has taken the House Points Trophy. Well done Blue Team!

Lenten Fundraiser

As part of our Lenten fundraising, the Mini Vinnies have organised an Easter Egg Raffle for the end of this term.

The staff are kindly donating Easter eggs and the children can buy as many tickets as they would like to have multiple entries into the Easter Egg draw. Tickets will be sold at 20p per ticket and each class will have their own raffle ticket squares that the children can purchase. Children can bring their 20p's into school over the course of the next two weeks up until Wednesday 1st April. The Easter Egg raffle will be drawn during the final Celebration Assembly this term. The money raised will be going to one of the charities that we are supporting this year during Lent, The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Radio Aire Cash for Kids

A reminder to all our parents and carers to ask for your support with our Radio Aire Cash for Kids Appeal. I am looking forward to more parents and carers getting involved to create fundraising events and look for opportunities to raise money for your children in school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Opilowska and Mrs Sykes from our SOCK team, who have already been talking to companies to ask for their support with our event. I would also like to thank the parish for their generosity in donating the money that they have raised through their tea and cake sales on Sunday to our appeal.

What can you do to help with our fundraising campaign? Perhaps you work for or know of a company that would be happy to support the school with a dress down day, a cake sale or another event to raise some money? Remember every little counts and the winning team in this event receive an additional £5000 for their school. **All the money** that is raised will be used for **your children** in school.

Visit our fundraising page and ask friends and families to do the same.

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/cash-for-kids-school-challenge-2020/fundraisers/christ-the-king-catholic-primary-school/>

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 1 phonics screening information session on Wednesday. I know that Miss Murphy and Mrs Brennan gave lots of handy hints and tips about how you can support us in school to prepare your child for the Phonics Screening Test in June of this year. If you have any further questions, I know that Miss Murphy and Mrs Brennan will be more than happy to answer these.

Growth of St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust

We are delighted that four other schools in the Leeds Catholic Diocese have joined the St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust at the start of March. The schools that are now in the trust are:



Christ the King Catholic Primary School
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
Holy Rosary and St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School
St Urban's Catholic Primary School



Year 2 and Year 1 Class Mass

A reminder that Year 2 Class Mass will now take place on the 17th March – St Patrick's Day, with Year 1. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us on this special feast day.



Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March after school. Please book your appointment online through the school Parent Pay system. If you are having any difficulties in booking an appointment time, please do come into the school office and speak to Mrs Sharp who I know will be happy to help you with this.

Reconciliation

Next week, on Wednesday 18th March at 3:30pm, the children in Year 3 who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be making their First Confession at Christ the King church.

Virtues to Live by

Next week we will be moving on to looking at the virtue of Forgiveness. In school the children will be thinking about this virtue and what it means to them during collective worship, R.E. and PSHE.

Why Practise Forgiveness?

Jesus teaches us that God has forgiven us much so we ought to forgive others in return. Forgiveness is very important in life, because we make choices that hurt ourselves and others. If we are sorry for something that we have done or failed to do, then we can forgive ourselves. If we can forgive ourselves we can move forward and learn from mistakes and moral failures. If we forgive others for something they have done wrong, we show that our relationship with them is stronger than the wrong they committed.

How do we Practise Forgiveness?

By admitting our failures and wrong doing and letting go of our feelings of sadness, shame or anger so that we make a new start, asking God to give us the courage to change. We can forgive people who have done wrong to us or others by letting go of our strong feelings of resentment that can manifest themselves in keeping a record of wrongs or holding a grudge or revenge and instead treat people with gentleness and mercy.

Year 5 Fire Safety Talk

On Wednesday next week the West Yorkshire Fire Service will be coming into school to talk to our Year 5 pupils about fire safety. Please do talk to your children about what they have learnt and discussed during this session.

Our Local Police

We are delighted that our local PCSO's and Police have come into school both to introduce themselves to the children and to support with parking outside of school during our busy dropping off and pick up times. Over the coming months they will be coming in at various points. They are looking forward to saying hello to children, parents and carers and to supporting us in keeping all our children safe in school.

Coronavirus

We continue to put all measures advised by the government in place in school in relation to the advice about the coronavirus. At this time schools will remain open.

Mr Davey and Mrs Holt will be working hard to keep our school clean. We will be encouraging children to wash their hands as advised and ask that you continue to do the same. If you require any advice, please contact the NHS 111 advice line. Please notify us as soon as possible if you have been in contact with anyone with the virus or your child or a member of your family has contracted the virus.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take guidance from the government and DFE. We will of course inform you of any changes immediately should we need to do so. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Clark (Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary

17.03.2020 – St Patrick's Day
17.03.2020 – 9:30am – Year 1 and Year 2 Class Mass
18.03.2020 – 9:00am - Year 5 Fire safety talk
24.03.2020 – 9:30am – Year 6 and Year R Class Mass
24.03.2020 – Parents' Evening
25.03.2020 – Parents' Evening
31.03.2020 – 9:30am - Year 5 Class Mass
03.04.2020 – End of Spring Term 2 and start of Easter Holiday