



7 April 2017

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

This week's statement to live by was: "I try to keep going when things get difficult and not give up hope"

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support. It has been another exciting term and your children have been a joy to teach. We look forward to spending next week with them as we continue to prepare for Easter.

Please come and join us next week in school, for our collective worships.

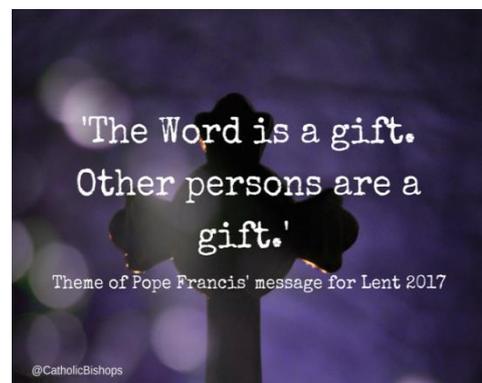
Monday 2.30pm Year 3 Palm Sunday

Tuesday 2.30pm Year 4 The Last Supper

Wednesday 2.30pm Year 5 Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 2.30pm Stations of the Cross, led by the

Mini Vinnies



40 Acts Lenten Challenge



Today's act is about following through on forgiveness. Forgiveness is tough, but once you've made a decision, it's significantly easier than dithering over the choice. With God's grace it can happen, but the hurt might not always disappear overnight. By showing forgiveness in a practical way you help to heal the wounds.

The children have enjoyed spending time in the Lenten reflection area and the Mini Vinnies brought me the prayers the children have been writing.

Christian Meditation

We have introduced Meditation across the school this week. This is to introduce the children to a different sort of quiet time and relaxation. Members of staff have received training on Mindfulness and Mental Health Awareness and are keen to share this with the children.

Year 6 Breakfast Club

Mrs Higgins and Mrs Damti will be hosting a SATs breakfast club for all of the children in Year 6 from the 2 May until 11 May. It will start at 8.20am and all are welcome. We are offering it the week before they complete their SATs tests so that the format is familiar.

Wonderful Writing

I have had some visitors in the last few weeks showing me their wonderful writing!



Well done and keep up the good work.

Year 5 Maths Challenge Champions

I am delighted that the Year 5 Maths Challenge Team won the competition between all of the Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools. They really enjoyed the day at St Cuthbert's High School, and they completed some really tricky maths challenges. Well done to the team!



Julius Caesar Royal Shakespeare Project

I was extremely proud of the Year 5 and Year 6 Drama Group. They took part in the production of Julius Caesar at Sacred Heart High School with other schools that are part of the Royal Shakespeare Company project. I was not allowed to take any photographs but official ones will be coming soon, and they will be added to the school website.

Safety Works!

Year 1 and 2 are visiting Safety Works! (an innovative interactive safety centre) after the Easter Holidays. I am sure they will learn a lot from the visit.

Skipping

Year 4 will be taking part in the Newcastle Schools Skipping Festival on the 4 May at St Mary's Catholic High School. Please encourage your child to skip in the holidays for practise - it is also great exercise.

Golden Mile



Year 2 and Mr Smith are trialling a 'Golden Mile' challenge. This is to encourage children to be more active in the school day, to get walking, jogging or running. Find out more at:

<http://schools.golden-mile.org/>

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Cross Country competition this week. They were all amazing. Anyone in Key Stage 2 can come to Running Club. Please encourage your child to join us on a Thursday for 30 minutes of exercise.



Active Kids 2017

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers that we will submit to receive sports and cooking equipment. Please bring in any vouchers that you have in your purses!

The Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone who came to school by bicycle and scooter during The Big Pedal. Our school came 358th in the National table.



Nursery

Would all families who bring children to Nursery with bicycles and scooters, please remember that these should be locked in the bike racks outside the front of the school, or in the bike racks in the playground near the school gate during the day. There is limited space outside Nursery and equipment left during the day presents a tripping hazard or a distraction for the children.

Year Two Trip

Year 2 had a lovely trip to Wor Lotty allotment in Cochrane Park on Wednesday 5th April. They were able to investigate the grounds and find lots of different plants growing. In addition, they took a guided tour around their herb garden tasting a variety of herbs on the way.



Easter Egg Competition and Coffee Afternoon

Children can bring decorated eggs to school on Monday 10th April, if they wish to take part in the Egg Competition. There will be a coffee afternoon for all families from 3.15pm and there will be a cake stall, tombola and raffle. Any cakes, bottles or chocolates that can be donated will be used on the tombola stall. Please bring items in on Monday 10th (can go into classrooms and will be gathered during the morning).

All proceeds from the Easter Coffee afternoon will go to the Library Fund.

Easter at St Charles' RC Church

As we celebrate the most important week in the Church year, Father O'Connor invites all families to share in the celebrations at St Charles' Church. Times of celebrations are:

Holy Thursday - 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday - 10.30 am Stations of the Cross
Good Friday - 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday - 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday Mass - 8.30am and 10.15am

The statement to live by for Holy Week next week will be: “I know what humility means”.

Have a good weekend and a lovely Easter. School re-opens on Tuesday 2nd May.

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