



Do Everything with Love *(1 Corinthians 16:14)*

May Newsletter 2019

Update from Mrs Christopher



For our Monday Gospel reading this first week in May, we listened to the story of Thomas who could not believe that Jesus was alive without seeing it for himself. Jesus' response was:

'You believe because you have seen, blessed are those who believe without seeing'. In the Annunciation story, Mary believed that God was going to be with her no matter what happened, she put her whole trust in him without any doubt- she had faith.

What is faith? Who do you have faith in? Who do you trust totally without question? Do you want to be like them? Are you like Thomas?

Jesus says 'Blessed are those who believe without seeing'. Are you blessed with a faith? If we are blessed with a gift or talent, should we keep it to ourselves or should we celebrate and share it with others? For example, if you are musical, should you keep this talent to yourself or share it so others can enjoy it too? My thoughts are that we need to share our gifts in order to improve, understand and inspire others too. Think of all the famous musical bands who improved as they became more popular, who inspired us so that we too wanted to sing or play instruments like them. Back to the gift of faith, if you have it, you should share it with others to help improve it, to help you understand it more and to inspire others so that they can have this gift too. Jesus' disciples were a group of people, some who had a gift of faith, some who needed proof, but in the end Thomas's faith was as strong as the others. We all have different faith journeys.

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to honour and show respect to our Blessed Mother Mary who had faith and trust in God. A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May. We will be having a procession service on **May 24th at 9:15am** and we ask all children to bring in a flower so that we can surround the statue of Mary with colour and beauty as a sign of our respect and thanks for her important role in the life of Jesus. All are welcome for this procession service which will start in the school hall.

Gerardine Christopher

(Marian Prayers for different occasions and intentions are listed on the following website:
<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/marian-prayers.html>)



SCARF – Teaching and Learning Programme to support PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

As you may remember, SCARF stands for: **Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship** and is our new resource that promotes positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement and links to the Life Education Van.

This term all classes will be working on the unit:

Valuing Difference
which includes work on **British Values**.

Thank you to the PTFA

Thank you to our PTFA who raised £140 for the school through the Easter raffle and cake. Special thanks to Lucy for the delicious cakes which she spent many hours baking. Please, please, please come and support the PTFA whenever you can, so that we can share out the load a little more.

Contact Vernay if you want to support, even if you can only do some occasions. Every little helps!!

FOREST SCHOOL DONATIONS

We have had many donations from you of equipment to use for Forest School – Thank you to everyone for their generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Behaviour Policy

Our Behaviour policy has been reviewed and has been updated on the website in the 'Policies' folder. Please have a read when you have time, the main changes are on page 5 of the document ('Sanctions' section).

CREATION MASS

On Sunday May 12th at 11am the parish family at St. Joseph's church will be having a special Mass to Celebrate Creation and CAFOD's campaign to challenge Climate Change. Every young person in the school has made a flag for the bunting. We would like to invite you and your children to join us at this mass. We would like 4 children to bring up the offertory gifts. Please let Mrs Christopher know if you would like to do this.

Year 6 and Year 2 SATS Tests

It's that time of year again!

The year 6 children will be taking their SATS tests the week beginning the 13th May.

The year 2 children will be taking their SATS tests during the week of the 20th May.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 24th May 2019 - May Procession, 9:15am in the school hall

Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY - no children in school

Monday 10th June - CLASS PHOTOS

Friday 21st June - SPORTS DAY

Thursday 11^h July - Y5/6 Performance 6pm - Details to follow nearer the time

Wednesday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Mass 9:15am

This month's Eco Top tip from Amelia, Vaneska & Megan:

Turn off the lights & switch off plugs when not in use.

Save the power! Help our earth!

