

# 'Working together to succeed, through faith in Jesus Christ'

## Weekly Newsletter: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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### Celebrating our gifts, talents and achievements...

Stars of the Week:			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Natalia R		YR	Olivia
	Y1	Sophie		Y1	Whole Class
	Y2	Poppy		Y2	Amelia-Rose V
	Y3	Mason		Y3	Maria
	Y4	Harry		Y4	Olivia
	Y5	Jacob		Y5	Finlay
	Y6	Thomas		Y6	Jazmyne



### Rainbow Champions



**Rec:** Nova, Jakub, Natalia, Hattie, Emily, Melody, Lucas, Evelyn, Phoebe, Darcey, Levi, Zachary, Tilly-Rose, Jaxon V, Logan

**Y1:** Flynn, Lucas, Sophie, Joseph, Keilon, Harry R, Harry W

**Y2:** James, Amelia-Rose V, Simon

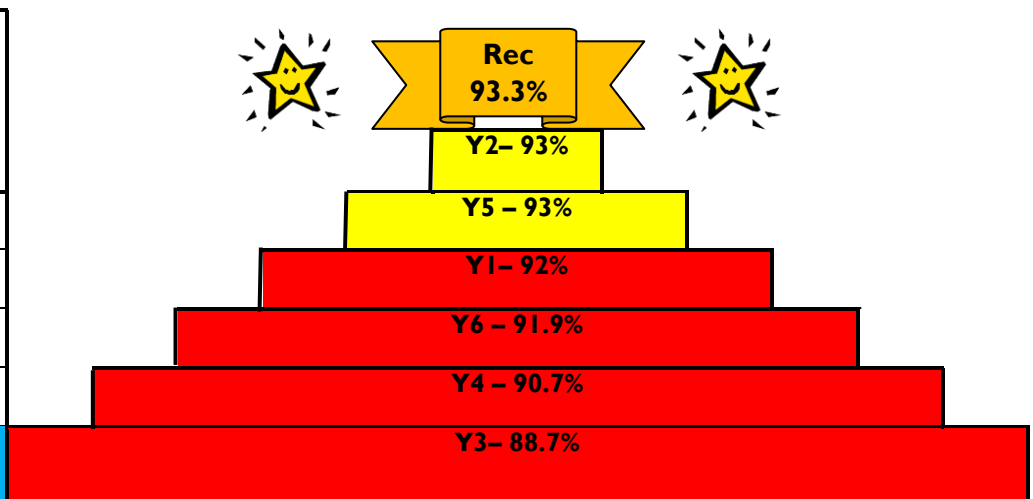
**Y3:** Oliver, Berrie, Conor, Alissa, Connor, Paula, Julia, Amelia, Cecylia, Nikola, Tia, Maria, Millie, James, Harvey

**Y4:** Bradie, Olivia, Ryan, Harry

**Y5:** Faith, Gracie, Skye, Vienna, Tianna

**Y6:** Jazmyne, Abbie, Lacey, Cerys-Ann, Lena, Jamie

<p><b>Attendance Matters</b> Every student. Every day.</p>	
98-100%	Excellent
96-97%	Good
93-95%	Needs to Improve
90-92%	Cause for Concern
Our attendance target is: 96%	



# School News...

Spring Term 2020	RE Inspection	Key Meetings
<p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones. We thank all of our pupils and their families for their kind cards and gifts for Christmas – we never expect gifts but appreciate the thought behind them.</p> <p>We now begin a brand new year, decade and Spring Term. Please keep up to date with key dates, events and information via the weekly newsletter, our school app and our St. Stephen's Facebook page. Please find attached our RE newsletter for Spring Term 2020 attached below.</p> <p>All after school clubs will begin next week and will continue for the rest of this half term and into the next half term, too.</p>	<p>Information was sent home earlier this week to inform our parents/carers that that the Liverpool Archdiocese will inspect our Religious Education in school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We look forward to welcoming the inspectors in to school to share and celebrate with them the wonderful things that go on via the Catholic Life of the school, standards in Religious Education and the impact of Collective Worship. Questionnaires were sent home for parents/carers to share their views of our RE provision. They need to be returned to school by Monday 13 January so that they can be collated and analysed prior to the inspection. Please pass the questionnaires into school via your child's class teacher.</p>	<p>Over the next few weeks in school, staff will be hosting important meetings for certain year groups that parents/carers must attend.</p> <p>The meetings are as follows:</p> <p><b>Year 5 Parents/Carers' Meeting for Kingswood Residential in Y6 takes place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9am with Mr Glynn in the Hall.</b></p> <p><b>Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessment Parents/Carers' Meeting takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.</b></p> <p><b>Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessment Parents/Carers' Meeting takes place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am.</b></p>
Internet Safety	Y1 Morning Drop Offs	Torus Foundation
<p>Our monthly Internet newsletter has been sent home along with the newsletter. This month's editions provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Device parental controls</li> <li>• Minecraft</li> <li>• Fake News</li> <li>• What's App</li> <li>• Instagram</li> <li>• Useful parental tips</li> </ul> <p>Please use the newsletter to share with your child and wider family as a means of promoting Internet safety and positive online behaviours. We live in such a busy, technology driven world these days it is good to develop positive, safe habits for our youngsters.</p>	<p>As of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we will be developing the independence and organisation skills of our Y1 pupils by allowing them to enter the classroom on their own to help promote a swift, calm start to the day. Now that the children have completed their first term in Y1, we feel they are more than ready to come in to school on their own and settle quickly to their morning tasks. Pupils and their parents/carers are asked to wait outside the gated area and the class teacher will open the gate to let the children come into the classroom at 8.45am. It is no longer necessary for parents/carers to enter the classroom with their child. Thank you for your support with this matter.</p>	<p>Torus Foundation have a range of employment and training courses available to Longford Residents in 2020.</p> <p>Courses include: DIY for women, nails and pedicure, bus driver training and scaffolding courses.</p> <p>For more information the Torus Foundation Hub is open Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm at Sandy Lane Children's Centre,</p> <p>For further information, please contact either:            Phil Roberts  <a href="mailto:phillip.roberts@torusfoundation.org.uk">phillip.roberts@torusfoundation.org.uk</a>            or Shirley Morland  <a href="mailto:shirley.morland@torusfoundation.org.uk">shirley.morland@torusfoundation.org.uk</a></p>

## REMINDERS:

- Please make sure all of your child's clothing, coats and kits are labelled with their name – we have so many nameless yet expensive items in our lost property box!
- Y5 and Y6 will need to wear their PE kits into school on Monday next week instead of Friday for one week only for PE.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2020 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

## LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

*(6<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020)*

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.  
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

## EUCCHARIST - RELATING

*(3<sup>rd</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020)*

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.  
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

## LENT/EASTER - GIVING

*(9<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020)*

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.  
If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM IN SCHOOL

## Come and See Assemblies - Parents/Carers are welcome to join us

Friday 31st January - Y5 Local Church - 2:30 pm

Friday 6th March - Y1 Eucharist - 2:30 pm

Fri 20th March - Reception - Mother's Day Liturgy in class - 2.30 pm

## Class Masses and Holy Day Masses - for pupils only

Ash Wednesday Assembly with Father John -  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 2.15pm for KS2 only

Father John will celebrate class masses with all of KS2 during Lent.

Tuesday 3rd March Y3 - 11.15am

Tuesday 10th March Y4 - 11.15am

Tuesday 17th March Y5 - 11.15am

Tuesday 24th March Y6 - 11.15am

## Holy Week Assemblies - Parents/Carers are welcome to join us

Palm Sunday Assembly - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 and Y4 - 2.30pm

Maundy Thursday Assembly - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Y3 and Y5 - 2.30pm

Good Friday Assembly - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Y6 - 2.30pm

Easter Sunday Assembly - Friday 3rd April - Reception and Y1 - 9.00am

## Fundraising Activities - further information to follow

### 'Good Shepherd Fridays' for Nugent Care

Friday 13th March - Y2 and Y5 - 2.30 pm

Friday 20th March - Y1 and Y6 - 2.30 pm

Friday 27th March - Y3 and Y4 - 2.30 pm