



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God"
John 20:31

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 11.06.21

Faith-filled

and

Hopeful

First Holy Communion

There has been a feeling of excitement today in Year 3 as a group prepare to make their First Holy Communion tomorrow. This is such an important celebration in each child's faith journey as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ for the first time.



After Mass today, the children were treated to a special celebration tea, with best china cups and a variety of cakes and snacks! Thank you to Mrs Turner for taking the time to make the children's day so special.



Art Day Thursday 17th June will be art day, art day is a wonderful chance for all our children to explore their creative side and have some fun! Please send your child into school wearing clothes that you don't mind them getting messy in! We look forward to featuring all the fabulous creations in our next newsletter. Please note Year 5 children will still be attending their swimming lesson and will therefore need to bring their swimming kit into school as normal.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th June

All day - Art Day (wear messy clothes)

Saturday 19th June

10.00am - Year 4 Holy Communion

Monday 21st - Friday 25th June

Living Week

Thursday 24th June

St John the Baptist Feast Day (non-uniform)

Friday 2nd July

School Reports sent home

Monday 5th July

3.30-4.30pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

Tuesday 6th July

2.00-3.00pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

Wednesday 7th July

Sports Day (children only)

Wednesday 21st July

2.00pm - Break up for Summer holiday

Inset Days

Thursday 2nd September

All day - Inset Day

Friday 3rd September

All day - Inset Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 28th February 2022

All day - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day



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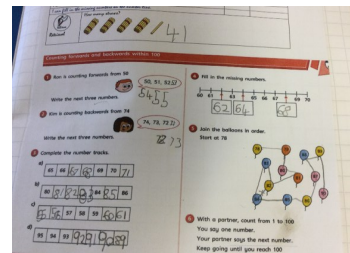
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Class Report - KS1

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been working with numbers within 100. Counting forward and backwards and in twos, fives and tens. The children are now becoming more confident with applying their knowledge in their work independently.

We had a lovely Collective Worship relating to Pentecost, thank you to Miss Jackson. We learned the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' song and chose the fruits of kindness and patience to focus on, asking the Holy Spirit to grow in their own lives and the school community.



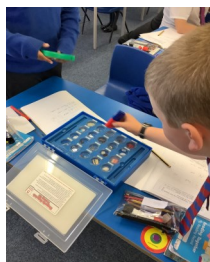
Year 2 really enjoyed our prayer service in Year 2 this week. We shared how the fruits of the Holy Spirit help us in our everyday lives.

In geography we continued learning about India. We compared our capital city, London with India's capital city, New Delhi.



Science Superstars

Year 5 have all been Science Superstars during our "Forces" topic. We have been having fun with magnets finding magnetic materials around the classroom and we have made our own parachutes to investigate if the different sizes affected the way they dropped to the floor. All worked together well to make predictions and to record our results.



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Excellent Work



The galleon swayed vigorously even though there was no wind.

Diary,

Incapable; Creaky; Unkept; in this really one? Overwhelming, glistening thoughts flood my heart-broken, perplexed brain, if I can even call it that. If my dreams were complete, if I was something, if I was needed then Bear would be holding on to me, so tight, so tight.

It was just a stormy morning feeding the horses, cleaning the stables, you know. A tornado of worth.

Block out the intense, gleaming light around me. Just stay, stay, just stay. In the blink of an eye, the beauty took over my head. Black, yes, red lips, rosy cheeks, the perfectness ever end? Snapping out of my day-dream, Oscar nudged my shoulder giving a polite nudge. I reluctantly got up and peeked out of my shutter window if you can even call it that. The more I thought about Bear, the more I longed to see her. I started to cough, not the sweetest kind, but a gusty torrent of bitterness covered it. A serene atmosphere. Suddenly, I heard that man...

TLOT, TLOT, TLOT. He briskly came riding, riding over the hills and up to the old inn door. I swiftly put my ear up to the door, making sure I did make a sound, when I heard, "One for my bonny sweetheart. I'm after a prize tonight!" I nervously pulled myself away from the conversation, gasping for breath. Anger, Disbelief, Nothing. My brain, my thoughts, destroyed. My life, gone. All hope was not lost for I had a plan. On the inside, it felt wrong. On the outside, however, I was too over-whelmed with bitterness to follow.

Across I spurred like a mad-man, as the rest would say. I eventually made it

grunting, grunting, grunting up to the old inn door. Hoping, I opened my eyes, still with burning tears, for Bear was back with a musket beneath her breast. I tried out or was it a night? In the space of two minutes or was it hours possibly days. Boom! It was done. She had gone, so had the highwayman. Oh, what had I done?

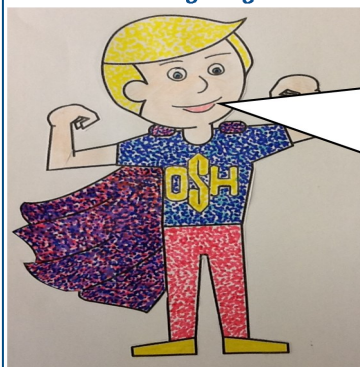
So now I exit my life, this cruel world with a hole in my heart and a knife against my cheek. Hopefully, these two things not together as ghosts.

Bye

A fantastic diary account from Caitlin in Year 6.

Caitlin put herself into the shoes of Tim the Ostler from the poem 'The Highwayman'! What a great diary entry Caitlin!

Online safety hero says...



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Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Kloe G in Year 4 for excellent effort all lesson.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Increase in Covid-19 cases in schools/settings in Solihull

I wanted to write to you all to let you know that there has been a sharp increase in confirmed Covid-19 cases in schools and settings in Solihull in a pattern that is reflected across parts of the region.

A significant number of the new cases are the Delta variant of Covid-19 (originally identified in India) which is **more easily spread than previous variants** of the virus. Vaccination is key to getting on top of this so we would really urge everyone to get both doses of vaccination as soon as you are eligible. **Anyone over the age of 25 is now eligible for vaccination so please do book in when you can.**

While vaccination rolls out, it is very important to stick with the measures we are all taking to prevent virus transmission:

- Ensuring that you continue to wear a **face covering at school drop-off and pick-up**
- Ensure anyone aged 11 and over wears face covering in indoor public places and on public transport
- Keeping a **distance of 2 metres or more** from people outside your household/ support/ childcare bubble where possible
- **Wash hands regularly and thoroughly** for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser if soap and water is not readily available. *This is particularly important on arrival at public places/ workplaces/ school and your home.*
- Follow the national guidance on current restrictions at all times and for information on this, please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do

Asymptomatic Covid-19 Testing (rapid lateral flow tests)

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others. All secondary aged school children should be having a lateral flow test twice a week and

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we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that this is the case and the results are reported. Everyone is now eligible for twice weekly rapid lateral flow testing and information on how to access test kits can be found here www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19/covid-testing

Getting a Covid-19 test when a person has symptoms

If your child or young person has **any symptoms of Covid-19** and you are asked to take them for a **PCR test** by their school/education setting, it is **extremely important that you comply with this request**. In some cases, if there is an outbreak in a school/setting, a test may be requested for one of the lesser known symptoms, wider than the three Covid-19 main symptoms of a new, continuous cough, high temperature and loss/change of taste/smell.

If you or someone in your family has **Covid-19 symptoms, they need to have a PCR test** by booking online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test If you test positive, good ventilation, avoiding sharing plates, cutlery, mugs or towels, careful cleaning and staying at least 2 metres apart from household members and if possible in a separate room can help stop other people in your family getting it. Help is available from Solihull Council if you do test positive so that you and any close contacts can self-isolate for the 10 days as is legally required to protect others. Please visit www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19/Self-isolating-payment for details.

I fully appreciate that news of an increase in Covid-19 cases is not what families were hoping to hear, and I thank you and all our schools/settings for all the hard work that is being done to tackle Covid-19.

Yours sincerely



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Marley-Rae R

in Reception

and Angel L

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Eva-Rose H

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Lyla K

Reception

Jasmine McN-J

Year 1

Alfie W

Year 2

Ollie K

Year 3

Joel O'K & Khailan D

Year 4

Tyler T

Year 5

Brodie D

Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 98.8%



Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Year 6.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: There are no birthdays this week.



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, you show us that the littlest actions can have huge results, and that the smallest of people can do great things. Inspire us to play our part in making the world a fairer place for everyone.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about a tiny little seed. But when it is planted it grows into a big bush with branches big enough for all the birds to come and sit in.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the ear, and finally the ear full of corn. When the corn is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."

Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand. He would not speak to them without using parables, but when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain everything to them.

Jesus was trying to show what God's Kingdom is like. It's not easy to describe, instead he told stories so that we can try to imagine it. Both the stories he told were about seeds, which grow and change from small beginnings.

The mustard seed is a tiny little seed but it grows into a very big bush with very big branches. Big enough for birds to be able to come and sit in to get out of the sun.

The Kingdom of heaven is also always growing, just like the seed, so that there's room for everyone who wants to be there.



Jesus also wants us to understand that together, small actions add up to make a big difference, just like the smallest seed can grow into the biggest bush.

God of all, help us to make a change so all people can live free from poverty and so we may glimpse your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher