



*Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School*

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16TH MAY - 20TH MAY 2022



*Like Our Lady, we live wisely, think deeply and love generously, in Christ*

# **This Week's Gospel Message**

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**‘Jesus said to his disciples:**

**‘As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.**

**Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments**

**you will remain in my love,**

**just as I have kept my Father’s  
commandments**

**and remain in his love.**

**I have told you this**

**so that my own joy may be in you**

**and your joy be complete.’**

**John 15:9-11**



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Families,

As we enter the final week of this short half term, I'd like to draw your attention to some important issues:

### Attendance

Up to Easter, our school attendance was 92.6%. There are obvious reasons for this but this is nowhere near where we want attendance to be as a school. I am pleased to see that in the 4 weeks since Easter that attendance has been 95.5% (for the 4 weeks). This is a big improvement but there is still considerably more to be done. We must aim to hit 97% which has always been a national benchmark. Please do everything you can to ensure your children are in school, every day, on time. We are not allowed to authorise any holidays. Attendance at school positively impacts progress and learning.

### Uniform

There has been a noticeable increase in children not wearing full uniform, whether that be no tie, incorrect shoes, non-school jumpers or non-PE kit clothing. There is also an increase in the number of children wearing long hair down - it must be tied up, no matter the gender, for health & safety reasons. Following these rules has a huge bearing on overall attitudes to school.

### Social Media

There have been a number of incidents involving the use of social media outside of school in different year groups. As a school, our stance is clear... primary-aged children are not old enough to be using social media - they should be 13 for almost all platforms. Whilst there is no age restriction for YouTube, you must be 13 to have your own channel. Children need to be taught how to use the internet safely and securely and we take our responsibility in this seriously. In partnership, we need to ensure our children are safe and sensible.

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I would urge you to keep a close eye on your child's access, including Whatsapp chats and XBox/ PS groups. Children often do not appreciate the ramifications of their actions. Who knows how this data, and the conversations they have as children, may be used in the future, particularly with potential employers. Above anything, we all want our children to grow up being responsible, kind members of their communities.

### Children Walking Home and Collecting Children

It is extremely important that children, particularly in Y6, build up their independence and walking home from school is an important step in this process. We are aware of children going elsewhere before going home after leaving school, be it the park or somewhere else. This is of course fine so long as they have arranged this with you beforehand. However, this does concern us as we have a duty of care when releasing children from our care to ensure they are safe. Please phone us to let us know and also if someone else who we may not know is collecting your child.

### Building Works

We are very hopeful that the scaffolding around school will be taken down next week. The work has been completed but it needs to be verified. We are grateful for your patience as it has taken much longer than initially anticipated. Once the scaffolding has been removed, we will be reopening the gate on Chestnut Grove for access in the mornings. The children will also be able to take advantage of our beautiful gardens in the annexe area of the school.

### Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place during half-term therefore we will be celebrating her 70 years on the throne next Thursday. The kitchen staff will be preparing a 'Royal Celebration' lunch, including sandwiches, sausage rolls and other picnic food. The children will then have an afternoon tea party on the playground. Please send your child into school wearing red, white and blue or as a famous British person.

### Year 4 First Holy Communion

Change of time: Mass will now start at 10am on Saturday 11th June at Christ the King and Our Lady's church, led by Father Colin.

As always, we really do appreciate everything you do to support school.

Kind regards,  
Mr. McQuiston

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# This Week's Superstars



#thegoodhelpway  
#hotchocfriday

# RECEPTION

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



This week, the children were so excited to see the caterpillars hang upside down and spin themselves a shiny chrysalis. They have been placed into the butterfly garden habitat now. The children are just waiting to see the metamorphosis. In English, the children have discussed the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have had lots of fun learning about different habitats and making their own habitats to play in. In maths, the children have been representing numbers to 20 and finding one more or less. They have been doing lots of counting and adding as well. What superstars they are.



**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for her continuous creativity, amazing designs and fantastic art work.

# Year 1

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



This week, we have enjoyed our story time sessions about 'Room on the Broom'; we explored characters feelings and the main events in the story. In history, we created a poster about how aeroplanes have changed the world. During our PE lessons, we learnt how to turn our bodies to dodge and also change direction by playing different games. We worked very hard in phonics this week including learning new sounds and reading sentences in our storybooks. In RE, we finished our topic about 'holidays and holy days' by writing about some good news on a flag. Next week, we will be having a tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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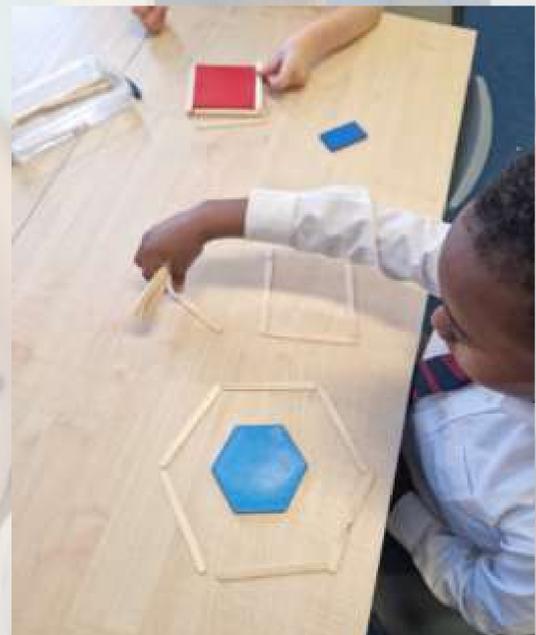


for excellent effort in all  
lessons!



# Year 2

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



In Year 2 this week, we have continued our learning about 2D and 3D shapes; we have learnt how many sides different 2D shapes have and that a shape with 4 sides are called 'quadrilaterals'. Our geography lesson this week was all about the Atlantic Ocean; we found out that there are more than 3000 species that live there, including the spinner dolphin, bluefin tuna and the green sea turtle. We learnt that the Atlantic Ocean is the second largest ocean after the Pacific. We have been designing our own puppets in DT, and learning different techniques to attach the fabric together, like sewing, stapling, glueing and using velcro.



**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for showing great progress with his  
handwriting.

# Year 3

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



Year 3 have done so well this week. In RE, we have celebrated the topic 'energy'. We have looked back and reflected on what we can take from all our learning. In collective worship, we have been reflecting on how we can show our love for others as was described in this week's gospel. We have explored how we can show our love through praying for others. In maths, we have completed our learning of statistics. We were very good at interpreting and drawing bar charts. Year 3 have loved improving their rapid retrieval skills linked to multiplication and division. In English, we have used our fantastic imaginations to create our own creature based on the Minotaur. In art, we have worked so well with weaving. We have explored the different colours and textures that we would like to use in our pieces of art.

**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for such excellent responses during our reading sessions.



# Year 4

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



During maths, we have been expanding our knowledge of decimal points by learning about tenths and hundredths, as well as dividing by ten and 100. During English, we have embedded our knowledge of when to use inverted commas in a piece of narrative - we are getting really good at this! In geography, we have learned about how volcanoes are formed and watched some fascinating videos on the formation of volcanoes above and below land. In history, we have been learning about the importance of ancient Greek literature and the influence of Greek theatre on modern culture.

Amazing work this week Year 4! You should feel very proud!



**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for his outstanding effort across all subjects this week.

# Year 5

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



As a class, we have worked incredibly hard this week and I am really proud of everyone's efforts in class. In our maths lessons, we have really worked hard building on our arithmetic skills. We have started work using protractors and measuring angles. It is a really tough skill, but, as a class, we have worked tirelessly to get it right. In English, we have started a narrative piece of writing called 'The Present'. We are really working on our grammar skills and it is great to see. In history, we have compared Athens and Sparta as well as continuing to build on our knowledge of ancient Greece. In our art lessons, we have continued to work on our painting skills. In science, we have continued our work on life cycles.

**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for having a wonderful week, putting in a lot of effort, especially in maths and English!



# Year 6

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



This week, we have been learning all about the Maya in history, producing fact-files on Gods, finding out clues about their culture and much more. In music, we have learned about the composition of the famous motown song - Dancing in the street. We have also completed work in Spanish, RE, computing and PE. Meanwhile in English, we have written a non-chronological report on a mountain that we researched as part of our geography topic we were studying before SATs. On Friday, we dressed up as evacuees and went to learn about life in WWII at Bury Transport Museum. A very enjoyable week overall.



**THIS WEEK'S SUPER**



for her intuition and ability to push herself further in her learning. What a delight!

# Whole School Attendance



**This week's token winners are:  
Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6!!!  
75 tokens**

**Whole School Weekly Attendance:  
93.5%**



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# CTK & OLGH Church

Some of the Mums in the parish have organised a party for the children to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. It will take place on Sunday 5th June 12-3pm on the field outside CTK school. Price is £5 per child, and there's food, games and entertainment for them.

Baby & Toddler session on Thursday mornings 9-11am and it's held in St John Vianney room (entrance via Church).

The weekly sessions are free, we have lots of toys, a craft table, sing & rhyme and even tea and toast! All are welcome to join us.



# Term Dates & Events

Jubilee Celebrations and Dress-Up  
Thursday 26th May

Half-Term  
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Year 4 First Holy Communion  
Saturday 11th June @ 10am

Year 3 and 4 Trip to Liverpool  
Tuesday 21st June

Year 5 and 6 PGL Trip  
Sunday 26th June - Wednesday 29th June



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