



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Staff member: All the staff in our St Teresa of Calcutta MAC
Year 1: Eddie & Eva
Year 2: Blake & Moja
Year 3: Reggie & Rosie
Reception: Jessica

Dear friends of Holy Souls,

I hope you had a lovely half term break and enjoyed time together with your families. It was lovely to see many of you at Mass on Ash Wednesday as we started the season of Lent.

We gathered in school on Tuesday to launch the season and we talked about all we can do as we pray, fast and share. The children were full of knowledge and could clearly show their understanding for this season and such a willingness to live their faith!

Over 400 staff from the Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC gathered together on Monday for our annual MAC Mission Day. We were able to celebrate all we do and to develop our faith formation. This day was led by Canon Michael Dolman and Jo Boyce (CJM Music) and the celebration of Mass with Canon Jonathan. It was a great way to start the half term and our Lenten journey.

A reminder please that all pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and PE Kit (on PE days). Please see this link for our website <https://www.holysoulbham.sch.uk/uniform.htm> for further information.

Thank you to Father Marco who has started a Young Alpha Course with our Year 6 pupils. This weekly session after school on Wednesdays is an opportunity for Year 6 to explore some of the big questions in life. Year 6 - we look forward to hearing all about it!

God bless

Mrs Girling.

Year 4: Nina & Eli

Year 5: Hanna & Riley

Year 6: Lucas & Sama



To bring good news, to shine for you.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church - PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS TIMES - Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

The Walk with Me prayer

Lord God, our light and our salvation
we praise you for your gifts
of life and faith.
We thank you for the desire
that you have planted in our hearts:
our yearning to see your face.
Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others
of our joy and consolation
in your presence.
Give us faithfulness
in this present life
so that we may come to know
and praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters
in the life to come.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please do enjoy sharing this prayer at home throughout the season Lent.
You may want to use this interactive CAFOD calendar at home as a family.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

CAFOD – Family Fast Day

This Lent, Family Fast Day is on **TODAY!**



Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps many people throughout the world.

The Book Fair

The Book Fair arrives next week. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Part of the money raised comes back to school and helps us buy books for the school library.

YEAR 1 PHONIC WORKSHOP

Thursday 29th March 900-10.30 Year 1 Phonic Workshop in hall and we look forward to staff from Archbishop Ilsley who will be joining us.

HSSC - Holy Souls School Council

We welcome our CSEL - Professor Ryan to our next HSSC Meeting on Thursday afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE

Progress Meetings are an opportunity to celebrate your child's success and look at areas for further development. Booking details will be sent out next week. We encourage all parents and carers to make a booking.

Wednesday 20th March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - Telephone Appointments

Year 4 and Year 5 face to face meetings on site in school.

Thursday 21st March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 face to face meeting on site at school.

Year 4 and Year 5 - Telephone Appointments

Reception

Tuesday 26th - further details to follow.

This week Year 6 held their Progress meetings and thank you to those parents and carers who joined us.

Attendance

Persistent Absence

What is persistent Absence?

A child who only attends school for 90% or less of the time is classed as a persistent absentee. (19 days over a school year)

90% might sound great. 90% attendance is the same as being absent from school for half a day every week.

Instead of looking at percentages we will be looking at the number of school days missed. Letters will be going out to any student who has a total absence of 10 days or more as they are at risk of being identified as Persistent Absence.

Late arrival at school

When your child arrives late at school, they miss important events like assembly, teacher instructions and introductions. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning being lost. This can seriously disadvantage your child and disrupt the learning of others. Please help your child to be punctual.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Olivier	4WM	Talulah
IWK	John	4F	Morgan
IJ	Jacob	5M	Maisie
2T	Cameron	5J	Vanessa
2CT	Cailan	6SC	Michelle
3M	Miles	6PM	Isabella
3W	Esme	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Dolcie

KSI - Aron 2T

KS2 - April



RG	Kion	4WM	Elsie
IWK	Samuel	4F	Gabriel
IJ	Amla	5M	James
2T	Sophie	5J	Steven
2CT	Aisling	6SC	Lucas
3M	Muiread	6PM	Sama
3W	Iszach	Reading is fun!	
Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.			



Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2TC	Crisbel	4F	David
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Elias	5M	Cristia
3M	Halea	6SC	Niamh
4WM	Igor	6PM	Jordan
Well done trophy winners!			



PLEASE NOTE:



Year 5 football club will now be on **THURSDAYS** at Archbishop Ilsley from 8:00a.m.

Year 6 football club will now be on **FRIDAYS** at Archbishop Ilsley from 8:00a.m.



For anyone that requires some extra food please come to the office and they will direct you to the foodbank where you can choose what you would like.

** Any children who bring in their own packed lunches please ensure that none of their food contains nuts (i.e Knoppers chocolate bars etc) **



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

In school we are always reminding our children that it **everyone's** responsibility to keep **everyone** safe.

Our school reminders include:



We also add 'HEAR IT' into our school slogan- SEE IT, HEAR IT, SAY IT, STOP IT.

We also use 'THINK'...



Please talk to your children about these important reminders and remind them that we all need to work together to keep everyone safe and happy in school.