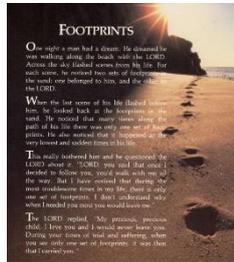




Life is gradually getting back to normal after nearly 2 years of disruption due to COVID. Looking back at previous years' newsletters, particularly 13th March 2020, it was a very full newsletter talking about the boys playing football at the Domes, going to see the Mayor of Hartlepool, Brenda Loynes (who has sadly since passed away) to celebrate Commonwealth Day and attending the soup lunches at St Joseph's Church. At no point, when writing it did I, nor anyone else, think that we would close schools the following week. It has been a very difficult two years, for parents; who have had the demands of home schooling, illness and some of us have lost loved ones. Staff had to learn to teach in a very different way to what we had trained to do and our children missed out on the things we take for granted, attending birthday parties, visiting family, going to playgrounds and soft play areas. However, now things are changing and we are able to do these activities more freely. Let us remember that in the darkest of times God is walking with us. This always reminds me of the Footprints in the sand poem. If you want to be able to see the poem fully here is a link to it: <https://www.praywithme.com/footprints-prayer.html>



On Tuesday we were privileged enough to celebrate mass in school, with children being able to sing! It is the little things that I am appreciating more as the weeks go on. It was lovely to have 2 year groups in the hall and receive communion. If you missed it, you are still able to take part by clicking this link: <https://www.praywithme.com/footprints-prayer.html>

CAFOD



We are now in Lent and one of the things we, as Catholics do, during this special time is to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Each class has decided what they are going to do during Lent to raise funds for CAFOD. Surprisingly a sponsored silence hasn't been suggested!

More details about CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger campaign can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-Against-Hunger>.

Your generosity never ceases to amaze me and we have managed to send off, a phenomenal amount of supplies including sleeping bags, medicines and wipes via Hogg Logistics. Thank you so much for your support.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is taking place next Friday (18th March). Children will be allowed in school out of uniform and any donations will be sent to Red Nose Day; further information about this charity can be found here: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our ten children, who made their First Reconciliation, last Saturday at St Joseph's Church. The remaining sixteen will make theirs tomorrow. Please keep them in your prayers.

Further information about First Holy Communion preparation and other things that are taking place in the Holy Family Parish can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

We will be holding our Spring term parent consultation meetings face to face this time.

Teachers will be in touch next week to organise convenient times. If you wish to have a telephone consultation or a Teams consultation please message the teacher directly via Dojo.

COVID

Any pupils, staff or other adults with a positive test, COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of a case should follow the guidance in "COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts". Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, people with symptoms or a positive test should continue to isolate for the required period.

SPECIAL PERSON STALL

Back by popular demand, our special person stall will be held, here in school, on Thursday 24th March. Children will have the opportunity to purchase something for a special person in their life for the bargain price of £1.50 – unfortunately even Sacred Heart have had to put their prices up! This will need to be paid for in cash and children will choose something from the stall during the course of the school day.

VIRTUE FRIDAY

Well done to the children who were chosen for our Virtue Friday hot chocolate. This week we were looking at the Virtue resilience and the children had been chosen for showing resilience this week.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance has continued to improve and our attendance this week is 95.9%. Well done to Class 6 who has had the best attendance from all of the classes with 98.6% this week!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 16 th March	Tempest Photography
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 th March	'Special Person' (Mother's Day) Stall £1.50 per item
w/b 4 th April	Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 14 th April	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 3 rd May	Children return to school

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher

