



Happy Mother's Day weekend. The children have been very busy making cards for the special people in their lives. I hope you all manage to have some rest on Sunday and that the sun continues to shine!



Last week we had the opportunity to take some footballers to play at Brierton Sports Centre. One of our Year 6 children went along and has written a wonderful report about it. You can read about it in our latest news on our school website: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/latest-news/>

PE KIT

During Covid we had relaxed the restrictions for PE kit but we are finding that increasingly children are wearing clothing that isn't appropriate for PE. From 3rd May we will implement our PE kit. Children will now need to wear either a school PE T-shirt or plain red T-shirt with black shorts or black leggings. They can still come into school in their PE kit but it must be in-line with our policy. If you think you will struggle with this please phone the school office.



CAFOD

Class 6, have been thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and have raised a staggering amount of money for CAFOD through their sponsored walk. An amazing £303 was raised, which will be added to the other classes fundraising for CAFOD and sent to them. As a special treat, all of the class were awarded the Virtue award and joined me for Virtue Friday hot chocolate. Well done Class 6! More details about CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger campaign can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-Against-Hunger>.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH THE 4 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Holy Family Youth's next all-age family event is on **Sunday 3rd April** at **St Joseph's Church Hall (TS26 9EY) 4-5.30pm**, everyone's invited. We will be exploring the way of the cross to mark Lent and barbecuing burgers for everyone! For more information email Ric.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Pilgrimage walks will set off from all 6 of our churches on the morning of Friday 15th April. We will then all meet together at 11am at the town cenotaph for reflections led by our young people before heading to St Joseph's for hot cross buns. Check the Holy Family Parish Newsletter or Facebook page for more details.

FAMILY RETREAT 14th-16th OCTOBER

If your family would appreciate an affordable weekend away in beautiful surroundings, ask your school office for a letter about our annual Family Retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. Our team of young people organise activities for all the family and it's one of the most popular activities we offer all year so sing up soon!

WONDERTOTS is our new play group for nursery aged children and their parents/carers. It is free for all and takes place at **St Joseph's Church Hall** every Wednesday in term time 9.30-11am. Tea and coffee and kids snacks are provided too!

Further information can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>



STUDENT COUNCIL

Two members of our Student Council went to Springwell School to join other primary schools for the School Council Forum on Monday. Agenda items included how we can help the people of Ukraine, we shared our Virtues and Virtue Friday hot chocolate as well as our class Well-Being Ambassadors.

VIRTUE FRIDAY

Well done to the children who were chosen for our Virtue Friday hot chocolate. This week we were looking at the Virtue honesty and these children had been chosen for demonstrating honesty in school, this week.



CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is an invaluable way to keep communications open with parents, teachers and school. This weekend I was fortunate enough to go away for the night to a place without a signal. It was strange but nice to not have to keep checking my phone. However, it made me realise that people are now managing to go away for a day or two and may not have access to Wi-Fi.

During Covid myself and teachers alike were available via Dojo at times outside normal working hours but this may change as people (including staff) start doing more on their time off. If you do need to message myself or the teacher, outside of school hours, please do not expect an immediate reply. It may not be until the next day, or the next school day when Dojo is checked. You can phone the school office between 8am and 4.30pm. If it is to check on PE days, any events etc please check newsletters or the class story on your Dojo as the information may already be there. Our website too is updated regularly so the information may also be found on your child's class page.

<https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has continued to improve and our attendance this week is 94.5%. Well done to Class 3 – again! They have had the best attendance from all of the classes two weeks in a row now with 98.5% this week!

Despite life gradually getting back to normal, COVID is still with us and we have had 2 positive cases recorded in school this week. Please remain vigilant and follow the government guidelines around isolation. Further information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 6 trip to the Emmaus Village – more information to follow
w/b 18 th July	Transition week for Year 6 pupils.
Thursday 21 st July	School closes for the summer holidays

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher

During Lent I am sharing some of our beautiful Lenten displays from around our school. This one is from one of our Year 3 classes.

