



Happy April Fool's Day! Some of our children played a prank on their teachers this morning. Poor Mrs Shanks thought she was being treat to a chocolate brownie for her break but it turns out the brownie was just fresh air!

Our Nursery children have had a very busy week looking at bear stories, including: 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'This is the bear', 'Brown Bear' and my all-time favourite, 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They all brought in their own teddies and have had a teddy bear's picnic – even baking and decorating their own cakes for the picnic! More photos can be found on our website:

<https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/latest-news/>



CAFOD

Class 3 and 4, have been thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and have raised a staggering amount of money for CAFOD through their sponsored danceathon. Over £300 has been raised so far, which will be added to everyone else's class fundraising and sent to CAFOD.

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

First Reconciliation



As a memento of some of our children making their First Reconciliation at the beginning of this month, they received a special metal thumb print. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their sacramental journey.



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 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 the 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 sign up soon!

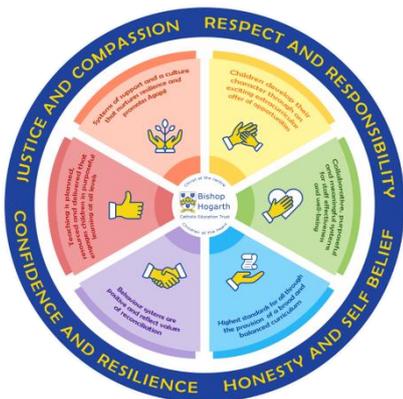
Further information about First Holy Communion preparation and other things that are taking place in the Holy Family Parish can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

Year 5 and 6 Choir

As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, Bishop Hogarth Trust have rewritten and recorded a hymn all about the Queen and her duty to our country. The Year 5 and 6 choir went to English Martyrs to have it recorded along with St Joseph's Primary School. I can't wait to see the finished product!



Well done to some of our Year 4 children, who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at The English Martyrs School last Friday. They were an absolute credit to the school. More photos can be found in our Latest News on the website: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/latest-news/>



VIRTUE FRIDAY

Well done to the children who were chosen for our Virtue Friday hot chocolate. This week we were looking at the Virtue justice and these children had been chosen for being just, this week.





ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week has dropped unfortunately and it is 92.7%. Well done to Class 3 who, yet again, has had the best attendance from all of the classes with 96.9% this week! Three weeks in a row! Well done Mrs Shanks and her class!

Despite life gradually getting back to normal, COVID is still with us and we have had 5 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/>

We have had some cases of Chickenpox reported this week. Please be aware of this during the next few days.

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 as outlined in our Uniform Policy. Children will now need to wear either a school PE T-shirt or plain red T-shirt with black shorts, black leggings or black tracksuit bottoms. 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.

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
Thursday 14th July	Year 6 trip to Flamingoland – more information to follow.
Thursday 21 st July	School closes for the summer holidays

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support. During Lent I am sharing some of our beautiful Lenten displays from around our school. This one is from one of our Year 4 classes.

Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher

