

St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'

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Friday News from Mrs Maynard

Harvest Celebration

The Chaplaincy Team led us in a Harvest celebration in aid of CAFOD and local Slough charities yesterday. Pupils were invited to wear bright clothes and donate a pound to the CAFOD 'Brighten Up' campaign for families in developing countries. Donations of tins, packets and toiletries will be shared between SHOC, the Slough homeless charity, and a local food bank which provides support for families in need. As a community we shared prayers for those less fortunate than ourselves, and I would like to thank everyone who was able to donate for their compassion and generosity.



5G Assembly

5G performed their first assembly of the year today, they reminded everyone about the qualities of friendship, and why it is important to have friends. The children welcomed all new children to our school and said prayers that remind us that Jesus is always a friend we can rely upon. As always, they sang with great enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Writers of the Week

We are continuing to teach writing through the Storytelling Schools approach where the children learn to tell a story before they start writing it. Well done to the following pupils who have already impressed their teachers with their storytelling and story mapping.

<p>Anna Rzepka 1Y Maja Gadjek 1I Kleonda Caka 2M Marcel Kunecki 2S Kevin Paczek 3PG Theolyn Jokonya 3PC</p>	<p>Allyssa Mae Mechure 4D Brian Jankowski 4Z Arabela Catilo 5G Wiktoria Juszcak 5E Munesu Chiwara 6D</p>
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Reminders for next week

- Next week is Our Catholic Schools Week. Please share the leaflet sent home with your child today.

Reading Volunteers Wanted

We are hoping to set up a **parent volunteer scheme for listening to readers**. If you have an hour or two to spare one afternoon a week, please contact the school office next week and put your name on the list, or ask to speak to Mrs Harrison. Regular volunteers will need to have a DBS check, which will be arranged by the school.

Academy Committee Members

I am hoping to recruit at least one new member for the school Academy Committee (formerly known as the Governing Body). The Committee meets once a term, with visits to the school in between the meetings. There is some paperwork to read, but the responsibility is manageable. This is a very good opportunity to become involved in the life of the school, and to support with decisions on finance, site and strategic direction. Previous experience of finance and/or accounting would be particularly useful, however, there are plenty of training courses available for people new to governance. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of Academy Committee member, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Maynard.

Clubs for next week

Monday	KS2 Football KS1 Dance Uni Hockey
Tuesday	KS1 Football Netball training
Wednesday	Activities Club Football training
Thursday	Dodgeball/benchball SSSN Dance club

All clubs finish at 4.30pm, pupils must be collected by an adult from outside the main office door.

Safeguarding Update

Our school is now an Active School – you may have seen the stickers on the doors around the site. We are doing our best to keep moving all through the day, and minimise the amount of time spent sitting. Please ask your children about Active Movement, and discuss ways you can build in more moving around time at the weekends.

Our school staff members with responsibility for safeguarding and welfare are:

Mrs Laura McAlpine, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing Officer and Mrs Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Parent Support Officer

If you wish to speak to either of these members of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

St Ethelbert, pray for us

**Mrs Maynard
Headteacher**