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**St. Ethelbert’s Catholic**

**Primary School and Nursery**

***‘Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus’***

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“The glory of God is a human being fully alive!”

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**Friday Newsletter**

The children have continued to work hard this week and we are now over halfway to half term, having adjusted well to all the new routines and procedures at school. All our pupils are now in every day, with Nursery joining us this week. I hope parents were able to access the message from class teachers on Seesaw, and feel that you have a better idea about the work that your children are doing in school.

This week’s Gospel was concerned with doing the right thing, not simply saying it. The children have been reflecting on the importance of deeds and actions.

**Black History Month**

October is Black History month and in the coming weeks we will be learning about some of the significant black contributions to British social history from notable black individuals. Half term homework will be set. CBBC has a good range of videos and information that is suitable for primary age pupils that you may wish to look at together at home with your child.

**Parent Consultations**

These will be held remotely on Wednesday 14th October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Friday 16th October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Information has been sent to parents, and the appointment booking system opened on Monday this week. It will remain open until Monday 5th October. If you have provided your consent, you will have received an email address and password to use to join the meeting on Teams with the teacher, along with instructions today. Please read these carefully and check you are able to access Teams before the day of your appointment.

**Homework**

Homework is being set each week on Seesaw. Please support your child by ensuring they have a homework environment that helps them concentrate and learn. It would be helpful for your child to:

* Have a quite space so they can concentrate
* Work at a table
* Use sharp pencils and appropriate pens for writing

**Celebration Assembly**

This week in Celebration Assembly the following certificates were awarded:

**1M Germaine, for settling in so well and persevering in his learning.**

**1I Kylie, for persevering in Maths with her counting.**

**2S Dayne, for persevering with his Maths work.**

**2M Eva, for having a positive attitude towards all of her work in all lessons.**

**3P Alessandro, for settling so well into Year 3 and being an excellent role model.**

**3F Bevin, for completing his homework to an excellent standard.**

**4W - Oliver for being a great example to the class by showing that his actions speak louder than words.**

**5M -  Filip, for consistently showing good manners to all.**

**5E – Abi, for a beautiful answer in RE.**

**6G - Declan, for creating an incredible poster on the Maya calendars and presenting it to all of Year 6. Well done, you should be very proud of yourself!**

**For all of 6D for their amazing perseverance when completing the practice SATS papers this week. Well done!**

**All of 6M this week for persevering through a tricky week of practice test papers and trying their very best! They are all superstars!**

**Secondary Admissions - reminder**

The application process for secondary school admissions for our current Year 6 pupils for September 2021 opens on **Saturday 12th September 2020** and closes on **Saturday 31st October 2020**. Parents can enter their applications through the online portal using the link below. All information is on the Slough BC website.

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx>

If you wish your child to sit the 11+ test for grammar school entry, it is essential that you read the information on the council website carefully, and in good time. **Parents must enter their children themselves; the primary schools do not do this.**

Please read the admission criteria for each secondary school carefully, if you apply for schools where you do not meet the criteria, your child is unlikely to be awarded a place. For St Joseph’s High School, a priest’s reference is required.

**Clubs next week**

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| **Day**  | **Club** |
| **Monday**  | **Football Training****Girls only Football (4-6)** |
| **Tuesday** | **Multi-skills (4-6)** |
| **Wednesday** | **Multi-skills (1-3)****Dance (1-3)** |
| **Thursday** | **Athletics (4-6)** |
| **Friday** | **Gymnastics (1-3)** |

**Reminders for next week:**

* Parents Evening Book system closes at 3pm on Monday 5th October.
* Individual class photos on Wednesday 7th October. **All pupils need to wear full school uniform**.
* Flu immunisation consent letters will be sent home with your child on Friday 9th October.

**Welfare Reminder**

Children need a balanced and healthy diet. If you are sending a packed lunch, please try and make sure your child has suitable items. Biscuits, cakes and crisps should not form part of a daily diet for children; ideally these will be occasional treats. Please see Ms Brennan’s letter about ideas for packed lunches that is going out along with the newsletter this week.

If you have any welfare concerns, please contact the school office to speak to Ms Brennan in confidence.

**Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus.**

**Safeguarding Reminder**

Please monitor which websites and social media platforms your child is accessing on their phone or tablet. We have become aware that children’s online life is often kept secret from their parents. Your child’s wellbeing is at risk if you do not know what they are doing online or who they are communicating with.

Our school staff member with responsibility for safeguarding is:

**Miss Kerry Slattery, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing Officer**

If you wish to speak to Miss Slattery, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

**St Ethelbert, pray for us**

**Mrs Maynard**

**Headteacher**