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This Week

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 1 had successful trips to the Liverpool Museum. Well done to the 20 children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge today. Thank you to our PTA for organising the discos this evening. Today we said goodbye to our wonderful cleaner and general superstar Carol McCarthy. Carol has been with us for over 20 years and has played a huge role in looking after pupils, staff and parents alike during these years. We wish her all the best on her new adventure.

Parent Teacher Association Meeting

Our Parent Teacher Association is meeting on Mon 25th Nov at 6pm to arrange the Christmas events. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Whitechapel Centre Christmas Appeal

As mentioned last week, during November and Advent, we are supporting the Whitechapel Centre's Christmas Appeal. Each classroom has a money collection box to collect cash donations. If any families would like a collection box to take home, please contact the school office. We are also collecting the Whitechapel Centre's Wish List items: toiletry gift sets; new pyjamas & underwear; selection boxes; hat, scarf & glove sets; stocking fillers and Christmas food treats. Please send anything you can by Thu 12th Dec. Thank you very much for your support.

Catholic Life

Next Friday is Stay and Pray in the studio at 8.45am for ten minutes.

The next Year 5 First Holy Communion sessions are on Tue 26th and Wed 27th Nov from 3:45pm to 4.45pm at St Peter and Paul's Church.

On Wed 4th Dec at 5pm, all the First Holy Communion children will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In November, we remember in our prayers, those friends and relatives who have died. Please email the school office if you have any names that you would like to be added to our special Remembrance book.

On three Wednesdays mornings in December (4th, 11th and 18th), we will have Advent Masses at 8am in the studio for families and parishioners – all welcome.

This week's Wednesday Word is 'Leader'. Please take some time to read the Wednesday Word sheet on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for November is for those who have lost a child. *Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.* Pope Francis – November 2024

Find out more at <https://www.popesprayer.va/november-prayer-intention-2024/>

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic can be read on our Parish and Archdiocese page or https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_november_2024

22nd November 2024

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:

St Helen's: Sunday 10am

Ss Peter & Paul

Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

Diary Dates

November

Mon 25th – 6pm

PTA Meeting

Tue 26th - Advent Services

10am 2E and 2M

2pm 2WB and 2B

Fri 29th – 8.45am

Stay and Pray

December

Wed 4th, 11th, 18th - 8am

Advent Mass

Fri 6th – 3.30pm-5pm

PTA Christmas Fair

Tue 10th – 8.45am 3C &

3CL to Southport

9am 6R Rejoice

Wed 11th – 8.45am 3A &

3M to Southport

9am 5B Rejoice

10am Reception Nativity

2pm Nursery Nativity

7.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's

Parish Carol Concert

Thu 12th - 9am 4M Rejoice

10am Reception Nativity

Tue 17th -9am 2WB Rejoice

Wed 18th - 9am 1D Rejoice

Thu 19th - 9am 3CL Rejoice

January

Mon 6th – INSET Day

Tue 7th – Children return

Attendance

★ 95.9%

Christmas Badges

As usual, as part of our Live Simply ethos, we will be offering the opportunity to all children to design a Christmas badge to wear, instead of sending Christmas cards. The machine will go from class to class, starting on Mon 2nd Dec and the cost will be £2.

Christmas Fair

On Christmas Fair Day, Fri 6th Dec, we will all finish school at 3pm.

From Mrs Solkin, Great Crosby Parent Support Adviser - Is your child a young carer?

The Care Act 2014 defines a young carer as, *'a person under 18 who provides care for another person of any age who may be physically or mentally ill, elderly, frail, disabled or who misuses alcohol or other substances'*.

This could be a sibling or adult in the home. It could be sibling care, emotional care, or domestic tasks.

Sefton Young Carers can -

- Listen to them
- Provide them with one to one support
- Invite them to a weekly activity group and fun outings with other carers
- If you would like further information or a referral made, please contact Mrs Solkin.

St Helen's Church Christmas Fair

St Helen's Church is having its Christmas Fair on Sat 23rd Nov in the Parish Centre from 12.45pm, after the 12noon Mass. If anyone has any donations such as new toys, gifts, bottles, raffle/tombola prizes and cakes, please take them to St Helen's Church.

Prepare for Peace Poster Campaign

Mrs Morton has signed us up for the Prepare for Peace Poster campaign, organised in conjunction with the Liverpool Beatles Museum. Children in Years 1 to 6 are asked to design an A4 poster promoting peace, to be compiled into a book that will be sent to all world leaders in 2025. More details in last week's attachment. The closing date is Fri 6th Dec.

Eco Club

Thank you for all the bottle tops brought in so far. Please keep collecting them.

Reception September 2025 School Tours

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, there is a school tour on Wed 27th Nov at 9.30am. Please contact the school by phone or email to book a place. Please check <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/diary> as more dates may be added.

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that Breakfast Club payments are up-to-date. They are due in the first week of each month. Payments can be made by bank transfer, in vouchers or cash.

Fundraising

Thank you ever so much for the amazing response to our school sponsored run. We raised the fantastic total of £7299.17. Watch this space for all of the equipment we will begin to buy in consultation with our children. Well don to Alexandra, Lydia, Poppy and Alice in Year 5 who raised £5.60 for Alder Hey by holding a 'Design your own Squishmallow' competition.

Attachment

All previous attachments are on our Parents/Carers > Letters page.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/letters>