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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

Catholic School Pupil Profile Eloquent and Truthful

Read the story of Chicken Licken. What does this story tell us about telling the truth? While it is a story, written to show us how we can easily be mistaken, it is important to seek the truth in real life. Imagine someone said something about you that was untrue. How would that make you feel?



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FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

February 13th—Y4 Roman's Workshop in school

February 13th—Y1 & Y2 trip to CBSO concert

February 14th—Safer Internet Day

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 20th-24th—half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 2nd—World Book Day

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for Y4 and Y6—The Tempest

March 2nd—Y5 trip to Sarehole Mill

March 3rd—Y3 trip to Thinktank

March 4th—First Confession for Catholic pupils in Y3, after 11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church, Kingsheath

March 6th—Y4 trip to Botanical Gardens

March 13th—Parents' Evening from 3.30pm to 6pm

March 16th—Parents' Evening from 2pm to 5pm

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

Stars of the Week!

Nursery - Delilah & Theodore

Reception - Sienna-Rose & Sumayya

Year 1 - Amani & Casey

Year 2 - Darcy & Kene

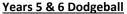
Year 3 - Arsema & Ewurakua

Year 4 - Isabella & Shyar

Year 5 - Romeo P & Anna-Beth

Year 6 - Brooke & Laila

Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on February 17th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.



A huge thanks to Mr Vile and Miss Long who took pupils from Y5 & Y6 to a Dodgeball festival yesterday after school. The children had a great time, played REALLY well but, most importantly, impressed everyone with their good attitude and courteous

manner. Great news!





WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	93.8%	95.8%	92.1%	94.8%	95.9%	93.7%	90.4%	93.7%
This Term	93.9%	93.3%	92.3%	94.5%	96.2%	94.9%	90.7%	93.7%
Whole Year	92.1%	91.2%	92.9%	94.4%	94.8%	95.6%	92.3%	93.4%

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Two massive earthquakes have had a devastating impact in Syria and Turkey. Buildings have been destroyed, schools are shut and over 20, 000 lives have been lost with the count rising daily. As a school, I am going to be making a donation to the UNICEF earthquake appeal. This charity directly supports children affected by this awful tragedy. On Wednesday 15th February, there will be a non-uniform day in school to raise funds for this appeal. Please donate a minimum of £1 per child to our collection. Money should be sent directly to class with the children please, not via the school office. Thank you in advance for supporting this much-needed appeal to support those whose lives have been

destroyed.



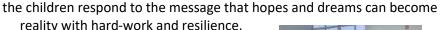
We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.

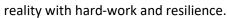
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stars in School

On Monday, we marked Children's Mental Health Week by welcoming a special visitor in to school. Mimi Cesar shared her story of being a pupil in a Catholic school in Birmingham to an adult who has travelled the world successfully pursuing her dreams as a rhythmic gymnast. She showed the children her medals, her stunning costumes and shared some of her skills. The

children loved listening to her and having a go at replicating some of her amazing moves using her apparatus. There are some very talented gymnasts in school! Most of all, it was wonderful to see











Please join your child in school for a Reading Workshop in our school hall (Nursery in their classroom). It is important that we all work together to develop a love of reading in every pupil. (If a parent can't make it, another family member is welcome to attend.)

Nursery: 13th February at 9am

Reception: 15th February at 2.30pm

Year One: 8th March at 2.30pm

Year Two: 6th March at 2.30pm

Year Three: 28th February at 9am

Year Four: 28th February 2.30pm

Year Five: 7th March at 9am

Year Six: 7th March at 2.30pm



World Book Day 2023

Celebrated globally, World Book Day soon comes around! This year, it will be celebrated on March 2nd which is the week after half-term break. There will be lots of book-based celebration in school and inspiring workshops for the children. As for dressing up...it is entirely up to you as parents if you want to send your child to school dressed as a book character. There is certainly no pressure from us as a



school to buy a costume. If dressing up is something that your child enjoys doing and you want to buy or make a costume, then please feel free. If pupils do dress up, they must wear sensible footwear and bring a warm coat.

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils from our school who were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday evening at their Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers on this important stage on their journey of faith.





Household Support Fund Febuary to March 2023

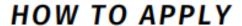


THIS GRANT IS NOT LINKED TO ANY OTHER COUNCIL TAX REBATE OR ENERGY REBATE PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT EFFECT BENEFIT PAYMENTS



WHAT IS IT FOR?

One off grant of up to £200 per household to pay for food and energy costs for pensioners, individuals and families that receive means tested benefits. Not for those that got payment between June - December 2022.





Applications must be made by one of our registered trusted partners through a secure online portal. You will need to share your contact details, email address, bank details and proof of your benefit status. We will NEVER ask for the long card number, security number or PIN number

WHO CAN APPLY?



Individuals, pensioners and families can apply but only if you meet the eligibility criteria.

YES - One application ONLY per household

YES - Financial hardship claiming means tested benefits

YES - No Recourse to Public Funds

NO - Got Household Support Fund payment between June - December 2022

NEXT STEPS



- 1. Check you can apply (see above)
- 2. Fill out a form to join the pre-assessment form www.bvsc.org.uk/hsf
- 3.OR ask your faith centre, school or community centre if they can make an application for you as a trusted partner
- 4. OR book an appointment at one of our Neighbourhood Hubs www.hallgreencomunnities.org.uk/hsf
- 5. Get your proof of address, benefit payment and reference number ready



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