



Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)



May Newsletter 2022

Reflection from Mrs Christopher



When the disciples said: “We have seen the Lord,” Thomas answered: “Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands...I refuse to believe.” John 20, 19-31

All human beings have a thirst for knowledge and when we ask questions, we like to have an answer. ‘Is there a God?’ is a question explored by many of us. The apostle Thomas is often referred to as a man who did not believe unless he had seen. However, on reflection, I’m sure we can all understand and relate to the honesty and openness of Thomas, wanting evidence that Jesus had risen from the dead. We often hear the term ‘having faith’ and in school, we have been discussing how faith can differ for each individual-some believe without seeing and others, like Thomas, search for evidence as proof. In our assemblies over the last few weeks, we have welcomed this questioning of Faith with the children, as a way of deepening understanding as well as respecting the views and opinions of others. Each person’s journey of Faith is unique and individual based on the experiences and the relationships they have in life. Thomas’ saw the truth and exclaimed: ‘My Lord and my God’.

May is a special time for Catholics to honour and show respect to a truly great woman – Mary, the mother of Jesus, who had great faith and trust in God. A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May. The children and staff will be having a special service reflecting on the life of Mary on Friday 20th May. At the end there will be a procession to the grotto at the back of the Church where we all place flowers in front of the statue as a thanksgiving symbol for her important role in the life of Jesus. Please can you send a flower or bunch of flowers on that day for your child to place by the grotto so that we can create a colourful display there.

Best wishes
Mrs Christopher

(Marian Prayers for different occasions and intentions are listed on the following website:
<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/marian-prayers.html>)



Summer term National TESTS & TIMETABLES

Well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week.

We are very proud of how they have approached these tests showing calmness and confidence and support to each other throughout the week. We wish them well on their trip to PGL on the 25th May.

Over the next two weeks, we will be delivering Year 2 assessments and we ask all parents to ensure their child goes to bed on time each evening and has a good breakfast each morning so that they feel well rested when the teacher does these assessments.

On the week beginning 6th June, Mrs Hall will be doing phonics screening with the Year 1 and some year 2 children. Again, this is a national screening to measure school performance and check if the children are age related in phonics development.

Parents will be informed of the results of all tests and screening at the end of the school year.



'5 READS per week' reminder

The teachers have noticed that some children are not completing the 5 reads each week. Reading is an essential skill for the children so we would ask you to ensure they get into the routine of reading each night and signing the reading record. We will remind them of this also.

If you are having problems in doing this, please speak to the class teacher so that we can find ways to support your child in discovering the joy of reading.

New Reading Champions – 200 signatures



Y1 - Florence, Rebecca, Robyn & Stanley

Y2 – Rebekah

Y3 – Giyan & Theodora

Y5 – Annabella, Hannah & Bobby-Joe

Y6 - Emyr

These children will now champion 'best read' recommendations for their classes and help with the organisation of the outside reading library shed.

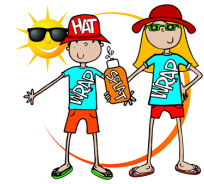
Bishop Mark to become Archbishop



Our best wishes go to our Bishop- Mark O'Toole, whom Pope Francis announced will become Arch bishop of Cardiff. He will move to Cardiff in June so we pray that his great leadership will continue as he spreads the Word of God through his words and actions. We will update you on news of the new Bishop for the Plymouth diocese whenever we hear this news.



Keeping safe in the sun and keeping healthy



With the expected improvement in the weather, longer days and more chances to exercise outside, it is a great opportunity to talk about healthy living in school. We will be working with the children this term to promote healthy living including the importance of a healthy diet and the benefits of exercise. There are lots of great resources out around including the 'change for life' website. Please help your child to become aware of healthy food choices. An example could be in explaining why you choose appropriate food for their lunch box each day. More ideas can be found on the link below - a variety of advice on healthy living, recipes and activities you can do at home .

www.nhs.uk/change4life

Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle to help keep them hydrated and to wear a hat on sunny days. We also advise you to apply sun screen before your child comes to school so that they will be protected from UV rays when playing outside.



I'd like to officially thank Emily Nation, our PTFA chairperson over the last year who has now left the role due to her relocation. Thank you also to Bex Cady who is managing the massive organisation of the the PTFA circus fundraising event in her absence. We will be having a PTFA AGM in June (date to be confirmed) and would like as many as possible to come to this meeting so that we can nominate a new chairperson. Please let me know if you would be interested in this role by emailing the school office.

The **circus** takes place next Friday 20th May. First showing is at 4pm, the second at 5:30pm. Please enter via the field gate to this event. Please note that the PTFA non uniform day has been moved to this date with no donations needed. Please contact a PTFA member if you would like a ticket for the circus.

Thank you for your donations



Thank you to those of you who have donated bags of compost and flowers to brighten up our school. The children love planting these and watching them flourish. It reminds us all of the awe and wonder of our beautiful world.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



We have planned 2 celebration days to commemorate the Queen's Platinum jubilee.

On Tuesday 24th May, we ask the children to come to school dressed as either royals (Kings, Queens, Prince or Princesses) or in red, white and blue clothing. We will be learning about the life of the Queen with craft activities in the morning and having a royal picnic lunch on the field. The children are invited to bring in a special party lunch for this occasion (hot meals will also still be served).

On Friday 27th May, again the children can dress up in the same or different clothes from Tuesday. Each class will be organising a game for all children to play at different times in the afternoon. We congratulate Queen Elizabeth on her 70th jubilee celebration.

Upcoming Dates

16/5/22 **INSET DAY – no children in school**

18/5/22 Class Photos

20/5/22 May procession (please bring flowers) & Circus Event (non uniform day)

24/5/22 Jubilee Celebrations: dress up day – special celebration
with a royal picnic lunch on the field (weather permitting)

25th – 27th May Y6 PGL trip

16th – 27th May - Y2 SATs

27/5/22 Afternoon Jubilee Celebrations- outdoor Games

6th – 10th June - Year 1 Phonics screening week

Preppie dates: Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June – all at 2pm

29/6/22 St Peter & St Paul Feast day

22/6/22 Sports day for KS2 (+ parents to spectate 😊)

23/6/22 Sports day for Reception class, Years 1& 2 (+ parents to spectate 😊)

13/7/22 Y6 end of year performance 6pm

22/7/22 Last day of term – finish at **normal time 3:10 pm** due to COVID disruptions last term



Urgent safety Message!!!



Please, please, please be responsible when driving and parking at the school for drop off and pick ups.

Please remember that child pedestrians are one of the most vulnerable road users. In the last national records, there was an average of 1 death and 37 seriously injured children per week with 58% of these occurring at school drop off & pick up times.

We urge you to reflect on how you drive at these times – impatience and inconsideration will jeopardise our children's safety BUT graciousness and tolerance will help keep our children as safe as possible.



Eco tip for the month:

Turn off the lights & switch off plugs when not in use.

Save the power! Help our earth!

As requested previously by Blake (Eco team) – When sitting outside the school on the road or in the carpark please turn your car engine off to reduce exhaust fumes.

