



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter - w.e. 17.11.2023

Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	93.25%	Year 3	98.93%
Reception	96.00%	Year 4	94.00%
Year 1	96.00%	Year 5	92.33%
Year 2	98.67%	Year 6	95.00%

Congratulations!
YEAR 3 have the
best
attendance this
week!



Class Attendance this year ...

Congratulations!
YEAR 2 have the
best
attendance this
year (so far)!

Nursery	94.07%	Year 3	97.67%
Reception	95.29%	Year 4	96.45%
Year 1	95.43%	Year 5	96.98%
Year 2	97.74%	Year 6	96.74%

Class Awards

Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Oliver Farrall
Reception -	Victoria Gkourra
Year 1 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 2 -	Emmanuel Okoye
Year 3 -	Evelyn George
Year 4 -	Philip Okoye
Year 5 -	Leo Gravano
Year 6 -	Nela Kislanova

Reading

Nursery -	Max Smart
Reception -	Poppy Baskeyfield
Year 1 -	Eric Opritiou
Year 2 -	<i>No permission</i>
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Gabriela Labuda
Year 5 -	Ivy Wilbraham
Year 6 -	Zak Shamil

Headteacher

Nursery -	Willow Guinivan
Reception -	Haniya Masood
Year 1 -	Subhaan Asad
Year 2 -	Nathan Whittaker
Year 3 -	Rhys Underwood
Year 4 -	Eliyas Soleimani
Year 5 -	Lauren Shaw
Year 6 -	Isaac Crowley

Most DoJo's



Nursery -	Obiora Nwankwo
Reception -	Elsie Notley
Year 1 -	Louis Brownsill
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Scarlett Foxall
Year 4 -	Obie Hughes
Year 5 -	Oba Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	<i>No permission</i>

Citizenship

Nursery -	Rosa Gilbert
Reception -	Gavin Okeke
Year 1 -	Furayha Akhtar
Year 2 -	Belvya Biju
Year 3 -	Ammara Ali
Year 4 -	Idris Azeez
Year 5 -	Leon Kaminski
Year 6 -	Siena Oakley



Food Bank Collection

Don't forget, our Food Bank collection point accepts donations all year round.



Year 6 Inspire morning

We had a lovely Inspire morning in Year 6 this week, all about Holy Souls.

Our next Inspire morning will be for Year 5 on Monday 18th December.

Park and Stride

On Monday 20th November, we have a Park and Stride session. Jayne Clamp will meet families who would like to park at Forest Park and then walk to school together at 8am. Last year, the families who took part had a great time. An adult must accompany the children on the walk, but all are welcome to take part.

Following this, Jayne will do an assembly with all of the children about 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. As we come into the darker mornings and nights, it's important that the children have an understanding of drivers being able to see them.

Red Wednesday

On Wednesday, 22nd November we will take part in Red Wednesday. During this day, we will remember those Christians around the world who are still being persecuted for their faith. As part of this day, children can wear something red in addition to their uniform. This could be red socks, a red hair bobble or headband, a red wristband. Please do not go out and buy something special.

Family Learning session

Our next family learning session takes place on Monday 27th November from 1:15 – 3:15pm. This session is for Year 3 and 4 children and is based on the book 'Super Tato'. You'll be involved craft activities based on the book. If you would like to book on this session, please complete the online form by Wednesday 22nd November. There are places for 15 families and once these places are taken, the online form will close.

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Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Next the man with the two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he, 'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 25:14 - 30

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story. In Jesus's time, a talent referred to money, but when we think of talents we think of the things that we are good at. When we think of talents in this way, the meaning of this parable makes more sense to us. God gives each and every one of us talents. What do we do with our talents? Do we make more of our talents, or do we hide them away? This week, discuss as a family what talents you each have and how you share these talents with others.

Christmas Fayre

After a number of years of no Christmas Fayre, we will be back! Our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 8th December** after school.

We are asking children to come in non-uniform on Friday 1st December and bring a donation of:

Nursery	Toys (new or used but must be in good condition)
Reception	Toys (new or used but must be in good condition)
Year 1	Toiletries e.g. gift sets, hand cream, shower gel, perfume
Year 2	Toiletries e.g. gift sets, hand cream, shower gel, perfume
Year 3	Chocolates
Year 4	Chocolates
Year 5	Bottles (anything in a bottle e.g. juice, shampoo, wine etc)
Year 6	Bottles (anything in a bottle e.g. juice, shampoo, wine etc)

We are also requesting any donations of:

Unwanted gifts (unopened)
Books (in good condition)
Stationery e.g. pens, pencils, note books
Cakes/biscuits



Diary Dates for the Next Two Weeks

Monday 20th November

8am Park and Stride – session for children and parents to walk or scoot from Forest Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Wednesday 22nd November

Red Wednesday – children can wear something red in addition to their uniform e.g. hair bobble, socks

Thursday 23rd November

9 – 11am Family Learning for Years 1 and 2 – A Squash and a Squeeze – This is fully booked. If you booked a place, please contact school if you are no longer able to make this session

Friday 24th November

9am Year 2 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Sunday 26th November

9:30am Family Mass – all welcome. Children wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation must attend

Monday 27th November

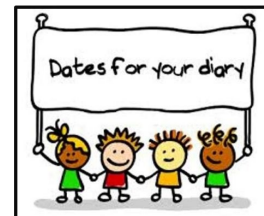
1:15 – 3:15pm Family learning session – Super Tato for families of children in Y3 and 4

Thursday 30th November

9:15am Whole-school Mass – all welcome to attend

Friday 1st December

Non-uniform day in aid of Christmas Fayre



Lates

We are having a number of children arriving late to school. If your child arrives late for class:

Please ensure your child arrives before 8.50am when the second bell sounds. If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late in the register.

Lateness = Lost Learning

5 minutes late each day 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day 19 days lost!

- They miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.



Collegiate Fundraising

This term, our Collegiate is raising money for Dougie Mac. Many of you will have been touched by the work of Dougie Mac. I encountered first-hand the work of Dougie Mac when my mum spent her final days in the hospice and the only way to describe the staff there are as gifts from God. In order for Dougie Mac to provide the care that it does to a large number of people in our area, they rely heavily on donations and fundraising.

Last week we had an assembly led by Dougie Mac. The ladies shared with us another 'fundraising' activity. They have asked us to do 'Bring a Toy' to school. This doesn't have to be a new toy, it can be a toy or book that your child no longer uses that can then be taken to one of the Dougie Mac charity shops and sold on. Not only does this raise money for Dougie Mac, but it also stops toys ending up in landfill and so helps towards us looking after our planet. The ladies also said that old clothing could also be brought. Please only donate items that are in good condition and can be used again.

Please bring any items in from
Monday 11th December.



School Uniform

As we are coming into the colder months, please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit – navy joggers, and navy hoody (this DOES NOT have to be branded). Children cannot wear their burgundy school jumpers and cardigans for PE.

A reminder that girls should be wearing white socks or grey tights. Black socks and tights are not part of our school uniform.

All Key Stage 2 children should either have a clip-on tie, or a 'proper' tie. Key Stage 2 children cannot wear an elastic tie.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

