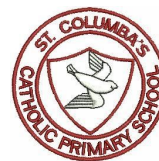


## St Columba's Catholic Primary School



# NEWSLETTER



Week Commencing 28th November 2022

### Catholic Life

#### **Second Sunday of Advent (4th December)**

The second Sunday of Advent is when we light the second candle which represents peace. This is a time of coming together and building a community of faith that is open to all. The Gospel reading for this recalls the preaching of John the Baptist who came to 'prepare the way of the Lord'.

#### **Third Sunday of Advent (11th December)**

The third Sunday of advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday and is a way to remind us of the joy the world experienced when Jesus Christ was born. The Gospel reading is again, linked to John the Baptist.

We would love for you all to attend our church services on a Sunday and be a part of our ever welcoming community.

### **Nugent Care- Hamper Appeal**

Thank you to the families that have donated! You are all very generous and we cannot wait to see how many more donations we get. Again, thank you for your ongoing support.

### After School Clubs

Day	Club	Time	Class	End date
Monday	Creative Writing	3:00—4:00	Year 6	12/12/2022
Monday	Mini Vinnies	3:00—4:00	Year 4 / 5	12/12/2022
Wednesday	Choir	3:00—3:45	Year 1—6	Ongoing
Wednesday	Dodgeball	3:00-4:00	Year 3 / 4	14/12/2022
Thursday	TT Rockstars	3:00-4:00	Year 4	15/12/2022

### Nursery & Reception Open Evening

On Wednesday 7th December, we will be holding a Nursery & Reception Open Evening at 3:30pm.

During the open evening, you will get a chance to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage staff, watch a presentation based on all of the exciting things that Nursery and Reception children learn and experience at the start of their school life, have a tour of the school and spend time in the Nursery and Reception classes.

If you would like to attend, please email [stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk) or call 0151 477 8360.

If you do not have a child Nursery / Reception age but know someone who does, please spread the word and let them know about the event.

### Healthy Lifestyles Course

Exciting learning opportunity for families!! St. Columba's are teaming up with the 'Healthy Knowsley' team and providing FREE healthy lifestyle courses for families for 5 consecutive weeks in the new year!!

Throughout the course you will learn things such as: What is in the food and drinks we consume? Different ways the whole family can be active together and how to set family goals for healthy lifestyle changes.

This course is a great opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge in becoming the best, healthiest version of yourself and your family.

The course will start on Thursday 12th January 2023. The following sessions would then be on 19th January, 26th January, 2nd February and 9th February. All sessions will be held after school in the school hall.

Please contact Miss Fitzsimmons to secure your FREE place!

# ATTENDANCE LEADER BOARDS

Week Beginning 07/11/2022

Class	St Columba %	National Average
Nursery	72.9%	
Reception	91.2%	89.8%
Year 1	91.3%	91.1%
Year 2	85.9%	92.3%
Year 3	89%	92.9%
Year 4	89.3%	93%
Year 5	92.5%	93%
Year 6	90.7%	92.8%
Total	89.9%	92.2%

**Well done to Year 5 for achieving the highest attendance last week.**

All parents/carers should now have received an attendance letter to inform you of whether your child is on target or below target for attendance, so far this year. If you have not received a letter, please contact the school office.

## Did you know...

Pupils who miss between 10 and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

Also, friendships are massively affected by persistent absence, too: it can be so hard for a child who misses lots of school to form and sustain relationships with their classmates.

## Weekly Wellbeing Activity

Choose to see every situation through **love**, not **fear**.  
For example: Instead of thinking "This work is so hard, I'm scared that I won't get it right", try to think "I will give this work my best go and if I don't get it right, it's okay because I love learning new things"

## Weekly Maths Challenge

$$365-284 =$$

## KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Give away something that you have been holding on to

19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you

20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



Please see following page for December events...



## December Events

Thursday 1st December 2022	2:15pm	Year 3 Christmas Card Making
Friday 2nd December 2022	8:55am	Festive Friday Fun Day
Tuesday 6th December 2022	2:00pm	Year 4 Christmas Card Making
Wednesday 7th December 2022	All day	Year 5 trip
Wednesday 7th December 2022	9:00am	Year 6 Christmas Card Making
Wednesday 7th December 2022	10:00am	Year 4 Advent Service at Cathedral
Wednesday 7th December 2022		CHOIR CANCELLED
Wednesday 7th December 2022	3:30pm	Nursery & Reception Open Evening
Thursday 8th December 2022	2:00pm	Reception Christmas Card Making
Thursday 8th December 2022	9:15am	Year 5 Mass
Monday 12th December 2022	2:00pm	Year 5 Christmas Card Making
Tuesday 13th December 2022	9:15am	Year 4 Mass
Tuesday 13th December 2022	All day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14th December 2022	10:00am	Nursery Play & Christmas Card Making
Thursday 15th December 2022	10:00am 2:15pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 16th December 2022	1:00pm	Half Term Attendance Party
Tuesday 20th December 2022	2:00pm	Break up for Christmas

*Due to staff absence, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Card Making dates are to follow.*