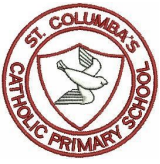
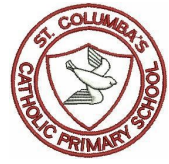


## St Columba's Catholic Primary School



# NEWSLETTER



Week Commencing 16th January 2023

### Catholic Life

#### **Tribute to Pope Benedict XVI**



Here at St Columba, we said a prayer for the late Pope Benedict, who sadly passed away on 21st December 2022.

Before he was elected Pope in 2005, he was known as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He was born in Germany. In 2013 he decided to give up his position as the Head of the Catholic Church due to ill health and became known as Pope Emeritus. A Pope had not given up before him for over 600 years as usually the Pope remains head of the Church until they die.

Please use the following prayer to honour him.

*Loving Father,*

*In choosing Benedict to be a servant of God, we give thanks for his time looking after your Church. May what he has led and shared continue to inspire present and future generations to do your work in our world, in the name of peace, justice and love.*

*May he rest in your light, peace and happiness in your kingdom, united forever with your saints.*

*Amen*

### Welcome back!

Welcome back everybody! We hope you had a great Christmas break. It has been so lovely to see all of our wonderful children back in school and working so hard.

### Friendly reminders

We know how hard it can be to get back into the swing of things after the Christmas break, so here are some friendly reminders

- The school gates close at 8:55am sharp, please ensure that your child arrives to school before 8:55am
- Trainers are not permitted as part of our school uniform, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing all black school shoes
- If your child is in Juniors and you pay for their lunches, please ensure you pre pay, via Parent Pay and check your child's account regularly to avoid going into arrears
- Parent App and Class Dojo are updated regularly and all important school information is sent out via these apps. Please ensure that you check both regularly and contact school if you are unable to access either of the apps.

### Healthy Lifestyles Course

Thank you to all families who attended the first FREE Healthy Lifestyles course last week. It's not too late to join and attend the next 4 FREE sessions, which will take place at 3:15pm, every Thursday.

If you are interested in securing a place, please contact Miss Fitzsimmons by Dojo, email or by calling the school office. We look forward to seeing you there.

# ATTENDANCE LEADER BOARDS

Week beginning  
9th January 2023

Class	St Columba %
Nursery	72.9%
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	91.6%
Total	94.8%

**Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance last week, with an absolutely incredible 97.5%.**

Although our school attendance is currently below the national average and we have a way to go to catch up, we are delighted to say that there was a huge improvement across most classes last week. It is great to see **THREE** classes back in the green. Keep up the good work everybody!

## Punctuality...

Since returning from the Christmas break, we have had a number of children arriving to school late. Often, it is the same children every day. When a child is late, this had a significant knock on effect to the school office, to the child's **WHOLE** class and most of all, to your child. Please ensure that your child arrives to school **BEFORE 8:55am**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If there is a reason that your child is continuously late, please contact the school office and we will see what we can do to help.

## Weekly Wellbeing Activity

Choose three people who you love the most and write down 5 things that you love about them. This could be your mum, dad, grandad, nan, aunty, uncle, sister, brother, etc...

If you are feeling super brave, why not tell those people what you have written about them.



## Weekly Maths Challenge

If you know that

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Work out

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## What's on...

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 5 Mass in Church
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	New Year Party Box Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Healthy Lifestyles Course for families
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 4 Mass in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	NSPCC Number Day ( <i>children can wear numbered clothing</i> )
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Y1 & Y2 Mass in Church
W.B 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Attendance Party
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children break up for half term at normal time
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children return to school