

St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the St. Edward's Family



This year we have had several new members of staff join our school. We have extended staff who work with children in the after school club. Joining Ms J Campbell in our after school club are:

Ms L Devlin

Ms H Begum

Ms R Thomas

Joining our support staff team who work in different year groups we have:

Ms A Virk

Ms A Calapini

Joining our midday staff is:

Ms M Essange

Our students who will be completing their placements for teacher training are:

Ms L Viveiros Gois in Thistle class - September 2022 to June 2023

Ms D Walker - Lily class - October 2022 to January 2023

Ms N Patel - Chestnut class - October 2022 to January 2023

Mr J Blake - Beech class - October 2022 to January 2023

We welcome all of our new members of staff to the St Edward's family and look forward to working with them to ensure that our children receive the best possible education.





On Friday the 21st of October, we celebrated Harvest Festival with an assembly in school. We had a short Mass service led by staff, our Chaplaincy Team and children in Year 6. The service included some beautiful seasonal songs and hymns.

After the service, our Year 6 children took the food donated by our families to the House of Prayer where the Sisters will ensure that it is given to those who need it. We thank our parents and our school community for the very generous food donations especially during the difficult financial times.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR NEW DAFFODIL ROOM

We were fortunate to have Fr Angelus bless and officially open our new multi-sensory environment known as the Daffodil Room.

This room which consists of a learning space and a sensory environment enables us to provide a sensory enriched curriculum for our children that need it. The school have invested in our SEND provision and this room will continue to enable us to provide learning opportunities for all.

On the day we were joined by the Chair of Governors and Parents of some of our children that use the space.

A REAL SUPERSTAR

Emily Ganesharatnam- Thistle Class - hair donation to the Little Princess Trust

Emily donated 41cm (16") of her hair to the Little Princess Trust Foundation, who provide real hair wigs to children suffering from hair loss due to cancer or other illnesses.

Look at the amazing 'before' and 'after' pictures.

Click on the [JustGiving link](#) if anyone wishes to donate to this very worthy cause



Black History MONTH

Last month saw the celebration of Black History at St Edward's. In addition to pupils learning about various historical events and people in their lessons, such as Great Zimbabwe in Year 3 and the Maasai Warriors in Year 1, pupils also took part in some extra curricular activities: children dressing up in their national clothes to celebrate their heritage, Mrs Casely's interactive assembly on the origins of the Notting Hill Carnival, teachers led passport sessions; where each teacher selected a country and had to teach it to 4 classes! Action packed is an understatement.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

As part of our celebrations for Black History Month celebrations, we finished this half term with a dress up day. Both children and staff came into school wearing costumes from their country of origin or a cultural background of their choice. The children looked amazing in their beautiful costumes and enjoyed learning about the different ethnicities of the people in the school. During the day, the children also took part in a range of different exciting activities including visiting other classes with a passport. There was also some fantastic artwork created by pupils. Examples of this work will be going up on our website soon so please do have a look.



As part of celebrating Black History Month children from across Key Stage 2 were chosen to work with our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Casely, on a Black History Month Art Project. The project celebrated pupil's identity by combining the power of language with portraiture. The children had to create a list of adjectives to describe themselves and it was great to see that our children chose the words; **kind, caring, intelligent, resilient, determined, leader, capable, free, nurturing, friendship, strong, talented, helpful, individual and unique**, to name but a few. The pupils then drew themselves and combined the vocabulary into their art work. The overall message was that the children of St Edward's can aspire to be anything in life - **Believe in yourself!**



"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS"

Helping our friends in Ghana



St Edwards has recently sent Power Maths exercise books and maths resources to New Nyanyano Kojo-Oku Basic School in Ghana. New Nyanyano Kojo-Oku Basic School is in Kasoa, the Central Region of Ghana.

We have started a new maths scheme across the school so instead of wasting the old scheme and old resources. Ms Mansa and her husband Felix came to the school in August and we packaged everything up ready to be shipped to Ghana.

When they arrived in Ghana they took the crates to the school and the staff were thrilled and very grateful to have received equipment and resources for their school.

The children were so happy and excited as you can see in the photos. We are now entering into a partnership with the school so the children can correspond and keep in contact. This is a lovely opportunity for the children from both schools to learn about each others lives and cultures.



PILGRIMAGE

On the 18th October 2022, Year 5 and Year 6 went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Wanstead to venerate the relics of St Bernadette.

The relics we went to venerate, consisted of St Bernadette's kneecaps, lock of hair, the 5th and 6th rib bone, sample of muscle, from the external part of the right femur, lots of hair and various fragments which came from muscles and skin. The children were blessed to be so close to St Bernadette herself.



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A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

THE Wednesday
WORD**SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL
WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world. When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Pope Francis also reminds us that, "God is faithful, always faithful and continues to be rich in goodness and mercy."

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 13th November 2022

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from

Luke 21: 5-19 (the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

"Let us give thanks to
God for his faithfulness."

Pope Francis

**THE** Wednesday
WORD**CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL***"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS"*



If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. A faithful person is a gift to the world. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.

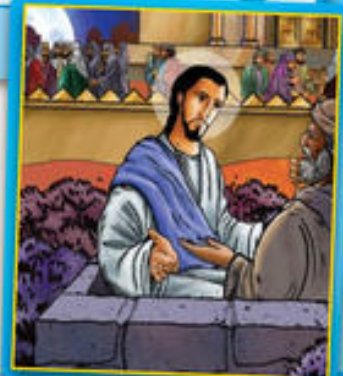


1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Some people were talking about the beautiful stones used to build the temple and about the gifts that had been placed in the temple. Jesus said, "The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all be knocked down." The disciples asked Jesus when this would happen and he replied, "Before the world ends, many things will happen. People will appear and pretend to be me saying, 'I am the Christ and now is the time!' But do not believe or follow them. And when you hear about wars and earthquakes, do not be afraid; just stay faithful to me."

What were the disciples asking Jesus? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ... FAITHFULNESS

3 Loving God & Each Other

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend - someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

"Let us ask then for the grace to remain faithful to God and to listening to his Word." *Pope Francis*

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our **faithful** friend. Please help us to keep growing in **faithfulness** to you and to one another. Amen.



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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- ☒ DISCIPLES
- ☒ ASKED
- ☐ MANY THINGS
- ☐ STAY FAITHFUL
- ☐ JESUS NEARBY

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**



Cross out the letters **C W S** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

fawicthfuls cnoswt smewc wafracids

Jesus said, "Do _____ be _____;
just stay _____ to _____."

Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

FAITHFULNESS

To be a faithful person is to be loyal and to keep our promises. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it really is a gift worth asking for.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...



For more, see: wednesdayword.org and cbcew.org.uk

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GOSPEL - LUKE 21:5-19



5 While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, 6 "All that you see here, the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

7 Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?"

8 He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!

9 When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place;

and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

12 "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.

13 It will lead to your giving testimony.

14 Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,

15 for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

16 You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends and they will put some of you to death.

17 You will be hated by all because of my name,

18 but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

19 By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Prayer for Deceased Veterans

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

