



Head Teacher's Message

It has been wonderful to see the children back to school after the half term. This week each class has been learning about a Catholic Social Teaching principle. The children have planned their own activities.

'Living and growing in Christ'



You might have seen that we are having some work done in the playground, we are having new fencing around the trim trail and pond area.

A reminder that English and RE books are going home today. Please make sure the books are back in school **Monday morning** and don't forget to leave your child a positive note in their book. They love sharing these in class.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Hughes



St. Aidan's School Value this term: Respect

This half term our school value is 'respect'. Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been looking out for children giving examples of showing respect this week.

Phoebe J (Y1) - for showing a Catholic Social Teaching principle of Dignity

Liam O (Y2) - for being kind to his classmates

George W (Y3) - for always having a smile on his face

Willow R (Y4) - for always being a role model for the younger children

Important dates for your diary...

12th March	Parents Evening 2 of 2
13th March	SASA Mothers Day Sale
19th March	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert to parents
20th March	3.30pm SASA Summer Uniform Sale
20th March	4.10pm Singing Club Performance to parents
26th March	2pm The Passion Service at church - all families welcome
27th March	School closes at 1.45pm for Easter break
13th April	School opens at 8:45am
22nd April	9am Reception class vision screening
1st May	3.30pm SASA School Disco MUFTI DAY
4th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
11th May	SATS Week for Year 6
22nd May	School closes at 3.25pm for half term
1st June	School opens at 8:45am

Our Value this term:

RESPECT

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday our Y3 and Y4 girls football team played in an exciting football tournament. The girls said:

“Our football experience was amazing! We first played against Royal Russell, Oasis and Chipstead Valley - they were both really good and hard to play against. We loved playing football as a team and tried our best - we came 3rd in our group. This experience was really fun and all of us enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Topson for accompanying us there and all the parents who helped.”

By Jasmine and Celina (Y4)

Children Who Read, Succeed!

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday 5th March. We can't wait to see all the children dressed as their favourite book characters .

Meanwhile this week our book recommendations are :

Dork Diaries (Skating for Rachel) - a tale of resilience by Gabrielle N

George T recommends Dexter Procter a fascinating tale of a ten year old boy who is a doctor!

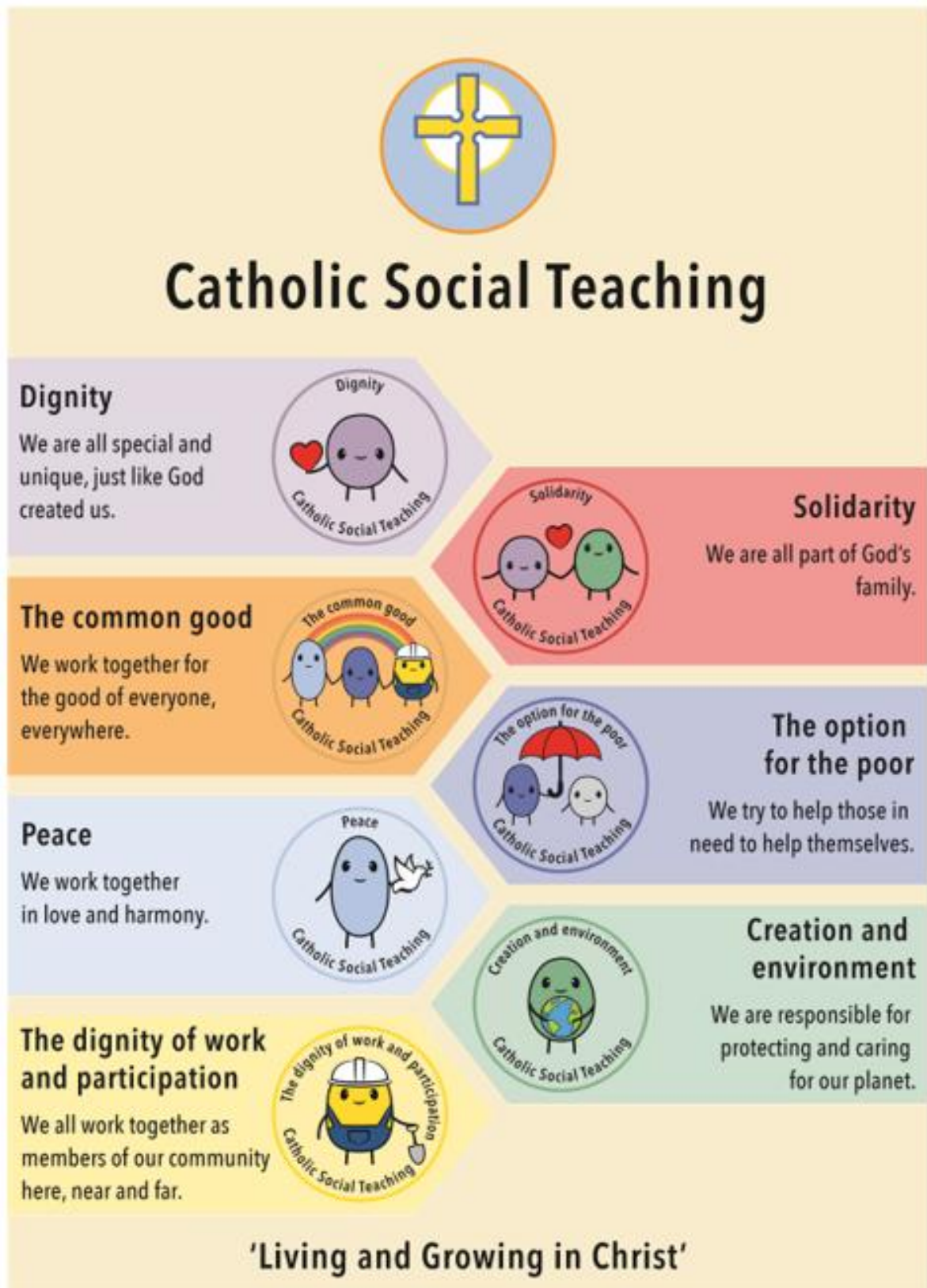
Novah O has enjoyed reading what Greg and the gang are up to in the next hilarious instalment in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series..

Well done our Year 4 reader leaders !

Catholic Social Teaching

This week we launched our school designed Catholic Social Teaching sticker chart and stickers.
(Designed by Mr Vickery)

Each class has been given the challenge of completing their sticker chart. The classes need to design an activity around each of the principles to receive a sticker.



Catholic Social Teaching Week

This week our children have been busy - Year 1 learnt about what makes them special, Year 2 decided they wanted to look after God's Earth and went on a litter picking walk. Year 4 have set up their own 'mini vinnies' club to run charitable events across the school. Year 6 were inspired to be 'peacemakers'. Year 5 have been on a secret mission looking out for others. Year 3 have prepared letters for care home residents and Reception are on a mission to care for God's creation.



Whole School Lenten Cross Challenge

We would like you to design/ decorate a cross that represents St. Aidan's.

You could use crayon, colouring pencils, paint or get creative with collage.



All the Lenten crosses will be displayed in the hall and there will be a prize for the most creative.

Please could you give your crosses to your class teacher by **Friday 12th March.**

SASA Message

It's hard to believe we are at half-term already! Here are a few SASA updates , including event dates for the rest of the school year:

Your Fundraising at Work

We had a fantastic meeting with the school councillors last month. They put together a well thought out list of items they would like SASA to invest in for the school and each of the councilors did a great job of presenting their list, we were very impressed! Some of the suggestions included:

**PE Equipment / Bibles for use in class / Reading books to support the comprehension programme /
Levelling out of the field and adding Gaelic Football goals**

Work has started on getting quotes for the above. Once we have the details back we will update you on where the money raised from our events will be allocated. This is alongside IT upgrades and the usual annual subsidy we contribute to the school for trips.

We Need Your Help!

The SASA shed is in need of replacement. It is essential for storing stock for upcoming events and is really past its best. If any parents are able to help with sourcing a shed, or get one at trade prices we would be really grateful. Contact info@staidanssa.co.uk for more details.

Rest of Events for This Year:

Friday 13th March – Mother's Day sale

Friday 20th March – Pre-loved summer uniform sale

Task force day - Date TBC

Friday 1st May – School disco

Friday 19th June – Father's day sale

Friday 26th June – Summer fair

As always, your support with organising or volunteering on the day is greatly appreciated!

More Ways to Support the School:

Easyfundraising: Access your favourite retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Domino's, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many more through [Easyfundraising](#).

School lottery: You can sign up to play [here](#). The draw takes place every Saturday and we have on average three winners a month.

Direct debit donations: Contact info@staidanssa.co.uk for a form. Remember that these donations can be gift aided, which means the school receives additional funds at no extra cost to you.

Thank you for your support.
SASA



This Week's Awards at St Aidan's

Well done to everyone who received an award this week.
We are very proud of you!



St Mary: Summer U

St Francis: Cora P

St Joseph: Laura V D

St Bernadette: Elizabeth O

St Theresa: Edwina A

St Peter: Jesse H

St Paul: Josiah B

St Mary: Albin W

St Francis: Jude L

St Joseph: Isla R

St Bernadette: Jacob I

St Theresa: Isaac L

St Peter: Sienna B

St Paul: Sienna C

