



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

30.6.23

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've been extremely fortunate with the weather in June and we have definitely made the most of it, with our children being involved in lots of wonderful activities, such as the Year 6 Residential, The Clare Cup and Hoffman Cup, Sports Week and our School Summer Fete.

Even with all these events taking place our staff are hard at work preparing hand-overs for the next academic year. During the final weeks every child will be discussed, their provision and targets will be reviewed and a programme will be put in place to ensure that when they start in their new year group, in September, that interventions and targets start immediately.

On Thursday 13th July, children will be meeting their new teachers and visiting their new classroom for the morning/afternoon. Parents and Carers are invited, on Thursday 13th July, to come into school at 3:40pm to meet their child's new teacher and to look at examples of the work they will be completing.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 were fortunate enough to attend Essex Outdoors for 4 days. They completed a wide range of activities such as Vertical Obstacle Course, Ariel Trekking, and a pupil favourite; The Leap of Faith. Every child pushed themselves to face their fears and try activities that they would not have usually attempted. The instructors at Danbury spoke very highly of Year 6's enthusiasm, cheering and team work.

We would like to thank the parents for their unwavering support, and cheerful greetings when staff and children returned each day on the coach. We hope the laundry was a reflection of just how much fun the children had. As a school we could not have been prouder of the children, well done Year 6!

SPORTS WEEK 2023

I'd like to congratulate all our pupils who took part in our Sports Week. An action packed week saw our 4 school houses compete against each other in a bid to win our St Ursula's Sports Trophy. The 'Fancy Dress' race was very much enjoyed by our children and if it ever becomes an Olympic sport, we will definitely have some potential gold medallists at our school! Mr Fielder will be sharing the final results on Monday!

SUMMER FETE 2023—A HUGE SUCCESS!

I would to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Stone for organising and running our very successful Summer Fete. Saturday was a huge success, and it was clear that a lot of hard work and dedication went into planning it. A special mention must also go to Mr Junnix who was part of the organisation of the day.

Feedback from our families has been extremely positive with many commenting on how the event was well-organised and the entertainment and stalls were fun and engaging. We are extremely lucky to have passionate staff like Mr Stone, who make events like these possible!

To the parents and staff who also supported "Thank you" for all your hard work. I'm already looking forward to the next event!

Attendance

TOP THREE

1	St Matthew's	99.58%
2	St Catherine's	99.17%
2	St Jude's	98.75%

BOUNCY CASTLE DAY -17TH JULY

Our Bouncy Castle Day will now be on Monday, 17th July 2023. Throughout the school day, each year group will be given an allotted time to use the bouncy castles and this will mean that children will have more time bouncing and parents will not need to supervise as staff will do this during the day. The cost is £5 per pupil and tickets can be bought through SchoolComms. Tickets will not be sold on the day.

TEACHER STRIKES

You will be aware there are further strikes, to be held on:

- Wednesday 5th July 2023
- Friday 7th July 2023

The expected numbers of employees that will strike on these 2 days indicate that there will be insufficient employees to ensure the safety of all pupils.

After having undertaken the appropriate risk assessments, it has been decided that unfortunately the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 5th and 7th July.

Mr Ashburn

St. Ursula's Summer Fete

Saturday 24th June 2023



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended. It was a fantastic day to celebrate our school community!

Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

@ St. Ursula's

CAFOD
Just one world



Dear Parent/Carer,

At school, your child is preparing to live and work in a changing, global society.

This term, they will be learning about global justice issues and put their faith into action in order to build a just and fair world.

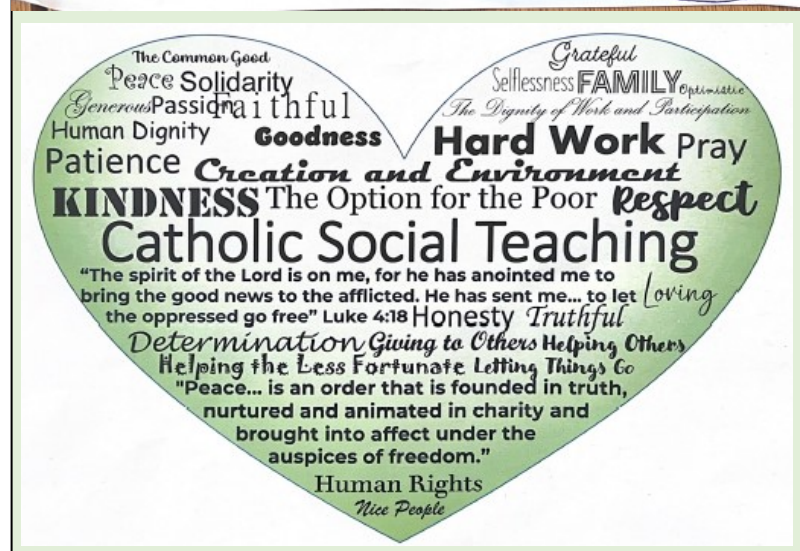
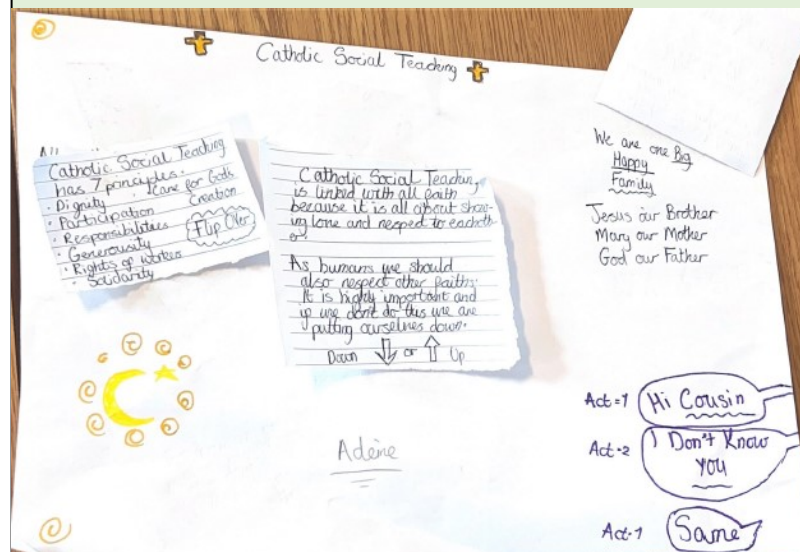
Each year group will learn about a different aspect of our universal church, through scripture, prayer, stories and a range of different activities.

Here you will find a list of the topics for each year group, with a short explanation, and some ideas for activities you could share with your child at home.

Topics	Ideas for home activities
<p>Nursery/Reception: Our World Learning about the Gift of God's beautiful world.</p>	<p>Look out for the Fairtrade logo while out shopping. Share ways of saving water at home. Play 'God's Wonderful World' http://comeandsee.cafod.org.uk/gwww/index.html</p>
<p>Year 1: Neighbours Hearing about who our neighbours are and how they share God's world.</p>	<p>Look at a globe and pick out and name some different countries. Look at other children from around the world at http://kidzzone.cafod.org.uk/real-life-stories/</p>
<p>Year 2: Treasures Understanding the treasure of Creation that is God's gift to us.</p>	<p>Talk about any family treasures. On the way to school, look for examples of God's treasures. What makes them special? Learn to pray the Gloria.</p>
<p>Year 3: Special Places Knowing the special places for Jesus and us as Christians.</p>	<p>Look at pictures of places that have been Special to the family. Talk about your child's baptism. Where was it? Why is it a special place? Remember the prayers and promises said there.</p>
<p>Year 4: God's People Knowing that ordinary people can be extraordinary, and that we are all called to be saints.</p>	<p>Tell your child about an 'ordinary' person whom you regard as extraordinary and explain why. Encourage them to find out about a saint that appeals to them. http://www.cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Secondary/resource-pages/Saints-prayer-cards</p>
<p>Year 5: Stewardship Learning that we as the Church are called to be stewards of creation.</p>	<p>Share a special family object. Talk about what makes it special. Make a commitment to do something at home to help care for the world. Play a game on 'Picture My World'.</p>
<p>Year 6: Common Good Working as Christians for the good of all.</p>	<p>Ask your child to tell you the story of Oscar Romero. Listen to a broadcast of 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4 at 7:45am.</p>

Pupil's Response

In Year 6 pupils have felt inspired to create their own responses to the CST principles. Some focused on one specific principle whilst others wrote letters to local MPs, created posters or wrote about how we can implement CST in our school and our day to day lives.



Catholic Social Teaching



Christi
the Sun
Bear

Showing we
Care
Solidarity!



CAFOD

Catholic Agency For Overseas
Development

Principle:

The principle of solidarity is a political concept which states that is fair and just that benefits and obligations are justly shared between members of the society

Prayer:

We want simple solutions, but you want us to help solve the complex problems. Through you Church, you call us to listen, to learn, to reflect and to act. Give us a deep sense of our place in this web of Creation. Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today.

Luc the deer tells me that everyone is special and that no one is not special. If you are not special then you at least have a talent to share around with those the world.

I know that God has promised different many I bet would same taken The love of everyone in



Luc the deer

Each of us a talent that people have. no one have the as anyone else God is with dark hours.

People say 'Human Dignity is the corner stone of its foundation. So Human Dignity is a important asset of Catholic social teaching as its the one holding up Catholic Social teaching.'

Genesis 1:26-27 says that 'Human being are made in the image and likeness of God.'

HUMAN DIGNITY

We can respect human dignity by helping less fortunate and more

In the teaching of the catholic church it says that anyone created by God has rights to be free and response which we respect Gods image made. As we all reflect God, every persons dignity should be respected. Everyone must consider their neighbor as another self which links to the 9th commandment to not hate your neighbour or

On Gaudium Et spes it says that

Luc the deer representing Human Dignity

We believe that our life is a gift from God and we should work out our own lives in the image and likeness of God.

Dear Member of Parliament,

26/6/23

I believe that we can make the UK a better place to live. This is because, I want everyone to have the same opportunities as others as we are all a family. We were put on this Earth to make things right and its never to late to take action. I acknowledge that you are very busy and I consider that you always try to do the right things, but maybe we should think about caring a bit more for the sick and poor. No-one should be more important or less important and we should all be equal. By doing this, we can all be instruments of peace by seeking justice and looking after the rights of others. Together, we can all guide the UK through the light of God's path and we will be carrying on Jesus mission of equality and justice. Also, the homeless may have them. Sometimes, the poor and homeless may not have any support whether its lack of education or lack of mental or physical health. These people fight their problems praying to God knowing that our modern day society wont help. Therefore, maybe we can consider bringing them in the community as everyone should be allowed to help God's creation grow! The UK will be a much better place if we work as a big family; its the only way we can achieve this. We may be far away from each other but through God's light and love, we all live in his hands. His the least we can do to thank him for our gifts, each other and his creation.

I really appreciate your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely, Xander James Singuener

Campaign for Change

One piece of work that particularly impressed both staff and pupils alike was Xander's letter.

Xander felt compelled to write a letter to parliament regarding the homeless situation in London.

His letter was well considered and emotive.

It was a pleasure to read and we hope it inspires the rest of our school community to feel empowered to campaign for change in our world!

Well done Xander!