

Cheadle Catholic Junior School

*'Forward in Faith
Following in the footsteps of Jesus'*



Friday 4th October 2024

Focus of the week – “Anyone who is not against us is for us”. Mark 9:40

In this week's Gospel, we heard how the disciples jealously wanted to keep the power to heal to themselves. In our assembly, we explored Jesus' response to times we are envious or jealous of others. He teaches us to celebrate the abilities and successes of others. With love for one another, we can all grow.



Phones and Smart Watches

Please can we remind parents and carers that children **are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school**. We actively discourage children having mobile phones for a host of safeguarding and wellbeing reasons but recognise that there are some exceptions:-

- For essential care of a medical condition (i.e. diabetes dexcom) - Previously agreed
- When a parent seeks advance permission because they allow their **Year 5 or 6** child to walk on their own, to and from school, and the parent/carer feels that they should have a phone for contact in an emergency. We will not give such permission for pupils in younger year groups.

Please complete the following form if you give permission for your Year 5 or 6 child to walk to/from school and bring a mobile phone into school which they must hand it in at the office – [Permission form](#)

Please also note that children are **not allowed to wear SMART watches in school**. A pedometer or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine, but any smart watch/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs and audio recording is in breach of our Safeguarding & Acceptable Use policies and pupils are not allowed them on site.



Parent Governor

Following the completion of the ballot process, I can confirm that Katie Aspinall has been appointed to the Governing Board. I would like to thank Janeth Mateo for her nomination and commitment to the school.

Katie joins our other parent governor, Naomi Clayton, on our governing board.

School Building Fund

Thank you to those families who have made the annual contribution to our school building fund. Though the diocese own and upkeep our building (not the Local Authority), we have to pay the cost of 10% of all works. A parental donation of £15 per child, per year is considered enough to cover this but any shortfall raised must come from our school budget – earmarked for other resources. You can make a donation on [ParentPay](#), [Via Direct Debit](#) or [Direct to the diocese](#)

Sponsor our Sports Kit?

Do you or someone you know have a business that could sponsor a new school sports kit? We are involved in weekly sporting occasions across the borough so this is an exciting opportunity to promote your business. Please contact Mrs. Fender directly if this is something you could help with.

Our Week in Sport

It's been another busy sporting week with children from across the school representing us in events across the local area.

Well done to a group of Year 6 children who attended the **Shapes Alliance leadership training** – the children learnt a range of playground games that they can teach to younger pupils at break and lunchtimes.

We are very proud of a group of Year 5 children who attended a Pentathlon games with other children from across the borough. The **Pentathlon Challenge** is a national event to promote inclusivity in sports. The children had a great time and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done to the children who took part in the **Manchester Harriers School Cross Country League** relay event on Saturday morning! Our teams ran incredibly well against schools from across south Manchester and our boys team came 3rd and our girls came 6th. Well done!

Remember – All are welcome to come along tomorrow morning to take part in the open cross-country event. See email sent on Tuesday for details.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and this year's theme, "Reclaiming Narratives," moves towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

Our Year 6 children began our work this month with a Black History Month Drama workshop earlier this week that initially explored 'cultural heritage', then explored the theme of 'Freedom'. - It was an excellent session that really challenged the children's thinking; their creativity in responding was excellent.



New School Meal Payment System

Later in this term we are moving to an online pre-order, pre-pay system for school meals, via School Grid, this will enable children/families to choose from the weekly menus and to order and pay online at home directly to our provider Totally Local Company (TLC). This means that all dinner money owed to Cheadle Catholic Junior School must now be paid, as we cannot carry forward any negative balances to the new system and therefore there will be no access to the new system for those with a debt. We kindly ask that parents make immediate efforts to pay outstanding balances in full in preparation for the changeover. School reserves the right not to serve any further school dinners to families that have debt on ParentPay. Please log on to check and pay, Mrs Bibi can assist with any queries.

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Join in the Fun at this Year's Lantern Walk

Join Manchester Foundation Trust Charity for their annual sponsored walk in the beautiful twilight surroundings of Heaton Park, Manchester, to support our family of NHS Manchester hospitals.

With accessible, family-friendly routes, walkers can choose between a 2km or 5km route, depending on what suits you best. There is also a quiet walk option, which some participants may find more suitable.

All registered participants will receive a free fundraising guide packed full of hints and tips as well as a twinkling lantern to light up the route's tunnel as the sun sets.

As well as enjoying the scenic route, there will be plenty of entertainment along the way and fun activities to take part in.

Registration costs just £6 per adult or child aged two and over.

Find out more at mftcharity.org.uk

Forest School this half term - Thursdays

10 th / 17 th October	3MW & 5LM
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Have a lovely weekend

All at CCJS

**All dates are subject to change*

DIARY DATE	EVENT
	<i>Please be aware that dates below are provisional and may be changed.</i>
Friday 11 th October	Year 3/4 Celebration assembly, 9:10am – All welcome
Monday 14 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 18 th October	Show Racism the Red Card – Wear something Red today
Wednesday 6 th November	Flu vaccinations
Friday 8 th November	Year 5/6 Celebration assembly, 9:10am – All welcome

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