

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL (ACADEMY)

Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Company  
"Love God and Love One Another"



Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who participated on Monday by wearing odd socks to school to launch 'Anti-Bullying Week'. As I said in my newsletter last week wearing a pair of odd socks rather than our usual grey, black or navy socks, helps us to highlight that we are all different and unique. God made each one of us as individuals and loves us all for who we are. We too should follow his example. It saddens and disappoints me when I am informed by a member of staff or a parent that one of our children, a member of our St. Peter's family, has been upset because a hurtful personal comment has been made to them or about them, whether it is about the colour of their skin, the latest technology that they have / don't have, or how academic they are... intentional or not, the comment still hurts and it is not acceptable. At St. Peter's we do not make distinctions. Our school motto is "Love God and Love One Another." Please support us to encourage the children to understand and celebrate each other's differences.

This morning in assembly we listened to a song called 'Just the Same' that we often sang before Covid-19 and the children joined in with the actions. Please spend a few minutes sharing the words of this song with your child / children and discuss what they might mean for them or others in their class and at our school. Please encourage them to think about the words they are saying to each other and how they might make another child feel.

### Just the Same - Mark & Helen Johnson

You may be happy you may be sad  
You may be pretty or plain  
You may be skinny or getting fat  
Maybe you wish you could change.  
You may be wealthy you may be poor

## Weekly Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father,  
Sometimes when I pick something up at home Mum shouts out: "BE CAREFUL, THAT'S FRAGILE. DON'T BREAK IT!"

Some things do break easily, especially if you drop them.

People are fragile too.

If we say horrid things, it hurts their feelings, if we hit them it bruises their skin. Please help us each day to be gentle with one another in all that we do and say. Amen.

Tony Bower



You may be scruffy or smart  
But love is real when you know for sure  
It takes you just as you are.

If we're right or we're wrong  
If we're weak or we're strong  
If we're winning or losing a game.  
Whether black or white skin with a frown or a grin  
Then the Lord loves us all just the same.

As a school staff I have been thinking about how we can continue to make Christmas special in school as during Advent we lead up to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This afternoon you will have received a festive letter explaining some of the ideas that we have had. I also met with Class Catering and I am delighted to inform you that during the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December each year group bubble will be able to have a Christmas lunch in school. It does however mean that there will be some changes to our current lunchtime routine to enable this to happen and we ask you to support us with these changes. For this week children in **Reception and Year 1** will need to order a packed lunch on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**. Class Catering will be uploading the Christmas lunch menu onto Parent Pay for you to select options in the normal way.

Date	Christmas Lunch and Party Day for:
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception – Bees & Butterflies
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 – Dragonflies & Grasshoppers
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 – Squirrels & Hedgehogs
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 – Badgers & Foxes
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 – Owls & Woodpeckers

In assembly this morning I also shared the lovely news that Mrs. Cole gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last week. I am sure that those of you who know Mrs. Cole will join me in sending our congratulations to both her and her husband on the birth of baby Peri. Both mother and daughter are well.



Remember, "Wash your hands. Cover your face. Make space."

Have a lovely weekend.

Keep well, keep safe and take care,

Mrs. Clubley

Please remember that if you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2021 or Year 5 at Middle School, applications are open now and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All applications must be made online

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school\\_admissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions)

## Celebration Awards

Class	Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Certificate	Handwriting Award	Captain Resilience
Butterflies	Jessica has shown that she is <b>learned</b> by using super positional language in maths.		Alexander for trying and not giving up when sequencing the story of Rama and Sita
Bees	Olivia has shown that she is <b>prophetic</b> by always leading the class prayers with confidence.		Oakley for knowing when to listen and helping those around him to listen
Dragonflies	Esme has shown that she is <b>faith-filled</b> by creating a beautiful Gospel cover that highlights each writer's special symbol.	Hettie	Chloe for building confidence when answering questions in class.
Grasshoppers	Bertie has shown that he is <b>curious</b> by asking lots of questions when sorting objects into groups of materials they are made from.	Lucas	Theo for trying his best when finding a <i>part</i> in maths.
Hedgehogs	Evie has shown that she is <b>compassionate</b> for being a patient, thoughtful and supportive learning partner.	Charlie	Francis for knowing when to listen and helping those around him to listen
Squirrels	Evie has shown that she is <b>learned</b> by trying hard to make the same amount of money in different ways by using different coins.	Jack	Isabella for believing she can do it when working independently.
Badgers	Erin has shown that she is <b>faith-filled</b> by writing a thoughtful prayer about her family and friends.	Isaac	Jacob for knowing when to listen and helping those around him to listen.
Foxes	Leo has shown that he is <b>faith-filled</b> by thinking about the importance of prayer and how we are connected to God.	Matilda	Austin always puts his hand up and never gives up.
Owls	Conor has shown that he is <b>learned</b> by sharing interesting facts on a variety of topics.	Hugo	Josh for talking about tricky maths problems with enthusiasm.
Woodpeckers	Max has shown that he is <b>faith-filled</b> by writing a thoughtful prayer in RE.	Autumn	Palesa for trying hard and never giving up with her persuasive writing.

