



*I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another
just as I have loved you. John Ch13:34-35*

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well. As we come to the end of this academic year, the school remains changed in ways we could not have imagined in January, but still the same in our love of God, the children, parents and staff who make up the community of St Chad's School. Our Year 6 will be leaving us shortly and unfortunately we will not be able to celebrate our usual Mass of thanksgiving for them and their families, but we will be inviting them to return in September, when we will be able to share a final Mass together. It is heartening that our churches are beginning to reopen for us to celebrate Mass (St Chad's Church- 4th July). During this time, we continue to draw strength from our faith. We place our trust in God, we accept His plan and surrender to His will. I wish you all a happy, healthy and restful summer holiday. God Bless. *Mrs Mitchener*

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD (Insert dates)

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

Have Hope

"Life is often a desert, it is difficult to walk, but if we trust in God, it can become beautiful and wide as a highway. Never lose hope; continue to believe, always, in spite of everything.



Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable."

Pope Francis

A Message from our Bishops to the Young People in Catholic Schools

At the end of this newsletter you will find a letter, which our Bishops have written directly to the youth of our school communities. It is important that you share it and it's message with your children. It reminds us that racism is incompatible with the Catholic Faith and that all deserve justice and equality, regardless of race.

It talks of Josephine Bakhita, and what it means to be truly Christian. Many years ago we selected her as a House Saint, because she is an excellent role model in strength and forgiveness. It is said that, "her mind was always on God, and her heart in Africa".



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Holy Spirit Spinners



We made Holy spirit spinners, to remind us that we can't see the Holy Spirit, like we can't see the wind, but He is there giving us power and strength!
Mrs Gallagher

Special Times This Month

July

3rd St Thomas the Apostle Feast Day

22nd St Mary Magdalene Feast day

25th St James the Great Feast Day

Congratulations

Many Congratulation to Mrs Williams and her husband, who had a baby boy on Friday 5th



June, weighing 7lb 11oz. They have named him Jude and he is a perfect little brother to their other son Eli.



Trinity Sunday

We made St Patrick Holy Trinity pictures to remind us about what the Trinity Sunday is about.



Celebrating Feast Days

I hope that you had a go at making a Sacred Heart or Immaculate Heart to celebrate the special feast days last month. In school Year 6 made Sacred and Immaculate Hearts and wrote prayers to Jesus and Mary to show their understanding that these hearts and the feast days are symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind".

O Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary ,
full of goodness,

Show your love towards us, let us see the
flame of your heart.

O Mary, descend on all people.

We love you immensely,
impress true love into our hearts, so that
we have continuous love for you.

Amen

Kayla Yr6



O Immaculate Heart of Mary

Immaculate Mary,

Show your love towards us.

O Mary,

We love you greatly,

Put true love into our hearts,

So that we might love others.

O Mary

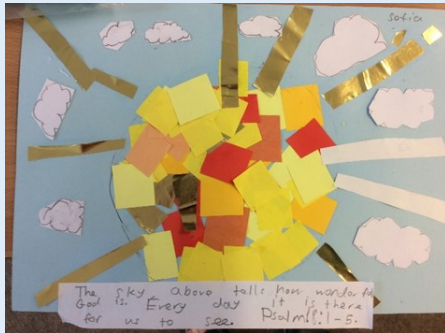
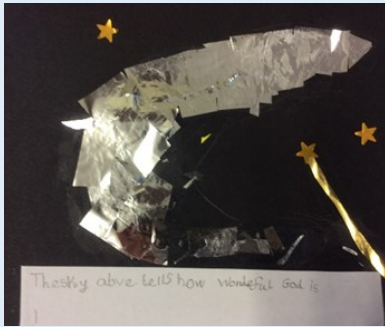
Let us always see the purity of
your heart.

Amen

Olivia

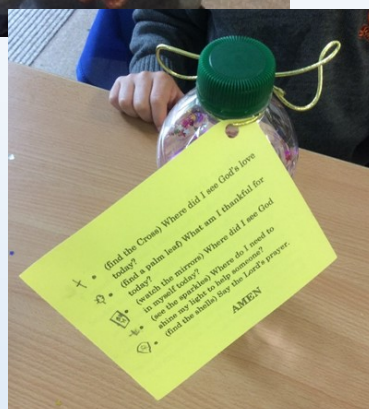
Year 1 made pictures to illustrate the words of Psalm 18 for their topic on "NEIGHBOURS"

The sky above tells
how wonderful God is.
Every day it is there for us to see.
Every morning the golden sun
appears in the sky,
shining on everyone,
bringing light and warmth to all.



Mrs Gallagher

In Year 1 the children made prayer bottles to help them to enjoy prayer and find a different way to think of things to talk to God about.....



Mrs Gallagher

A Message from your Bishops
to
the Young People in
Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of
Southwark

Dear Young Friends

17th June 2020

The events surrounding the death of Mr George Floyd have caused outrage and anger, not only in the United States, but also in cities across the world, including London. Mr Floyd was an African American who died while being restrained by police in Minneapolis on 25 May 2020. In shocking video footage he is heard to have said repeatedly '*I can't breathe.*'

The way in which Mr Floyd died sparked demonstrations and protests. It raises important questions about the reality of racism in our society here and now. We know that many people feel very strongly about this, especially young people. This is why we wanted to write to all the students in our Catholic schools across the Archdiocese. We are united with you in asking for justice and equality for every person, no matter what colour their skin happens to be. We believe that every human life is sacred, from its first beginning to its natural end. The Lord Jesus commanded us to '*love one another.*' (*Jn 15:12*) He did not allow for any exceptions and we should not make any exceptions.

Racism is incompatible with the Catholic Faith. Whether expressed by the attitudes or behaviour of an individual, or the behaviour of a group, or through unjust structures in society that exclude and discriminate, there is no place for racism at any time or in any place. We say this again: there is no place for racism.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches very clearly that: '*Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion must be eradicated as incompatible with God's design.*' (CCC 1935) Commenting on the death of Mr Floyd, Pope Francis said '*we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form.*' He also went on to speak about the violent protests following Mr Floyd's death: '*[violence] is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.*' (*General Audience, 3 June 2020*)

Our Catholic Faith does more than condemn racism; it also calls us to challenge racism, to eliminate its causes, and to heal the wounds it brings. We each have a part to play in this, first by making sure that we always think of every other person as someone worthy of respect. We must uphold the rights, the equality, and the sanctity of every human life. To God, and to us, every life is a gift and irreplaceable. We affirm that every person's life matters and that the life of every black person matters.

Back in 1979, before you, the young people in our schools were born, the Bishops of the United States said this: '*Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a radical evil that divides the human family and denies the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation, in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our*

We cannot be silent about racism. It must be challenged. In doing so, our first responsibility is to recognise that racism does exist, whether in individuals, in groups, in organisations, or in society. We need to decide the best way to overcome racism, knowing that violence never solves anything, even when injustice makes us angry. Let the energy that comes from our anger be channelled into changing hearts and minds, beginning with our own, to speak the truth in the service of peace.

We are committed to making sure that our parishes, schools, and communities are places where everyone is welcomed, where everyone is affirmed, where everyone is encouraged; where everyone is respected for the person God has created them to be and for the person God is calling them to become. We have, in our Church, some inspiring examples of people who spoke out against slavery and worked to overcome the sufferings of those enslaved. Their voices must be alive in us today. One of these was Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese woman who was sold into slavery, eventually brought to Rome, and cared for by a community of nuns. She became such an outstanding example of what it means to be a Christian that she was declared a saint in the year 2000.

Our Archdiocese covers all of South London, Kent, and the Medway Unitary Authority. It is beautifully diverse. People in our parishes and schools represent a rich variety of cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds, from countries in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, Latin America, and from Western and Eastern Europe. We believe that this diversity is a gift and that there is a place for everyone in our Church.

Dear young friends, we want you to use your passion for justice to make a difference to your schools and parishes, your neighbourhoods and communities. Make them places where the gifts and skills, the experience and heritage, of all people, of every background, are honoured, valued, cherished and celebrated. There is no place for racism. Let us work side by side to make it part of our history, not part of our present or of our future together.

With our prayers and best wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ

✙ John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

✙ Paul Hendricks
Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark,
Area Bishop in South West London

✙ Patrick Lynch ss.cc
Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark,
Area Bishop in South East London

Canon John O'Toole
Episcopal Vicar in Kent

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galations 3:28

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