



*St. George's Catholic Primary*  
*Newsletter*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023*

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week in our Collective Worship we have been thinking about Friendship. It follows on from last week's reflection on our school's Mission Statement, where friendship is a key part. We've been thinking about what friendship means and how everyone in our school is a friend – children and staff.

Huge thanks to **Florence McNally** who came up with the design for our new Children's Mission Statement display. She suggested **"God's hands, holding his book, with all our works floating out."** It's a superb suggestion and will make a magnificent focus for our worship assemblies.

Many thanks to all the children for their ideas and thoughts this week – it's been so nice as so many children came to talk about the display and offer new thoughts and words.

**PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT**

We finally have our playgrounds back - the drainage and resurfacing are complete. We are looking forward to getting our new playground markings down and our new table-tennis table installed. We are still waiting for a date on this but it shouldn't inconvenience us too much. This will either take place over the half term, or during a school day, which will just mean we exit differently on that day.

It looks fantastic and it should be a lovely, sound surface for our children to play on. Gone are the playground lakes, the school floods and the gritty knees! It's taken years but we've finally got there!

**SPORTING EVENTS KICK-OFF**

The start of the new year brings about new opportunities and new teams! Today, the boy's football team are taking part in the first competition of the year. The enthusiastic team headed off to Chesterfield so here's hoping they have great success. Most of these boys played in the team last year which was tremendously successful. More than that, they were just a sensational team for working together and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. GOOD LUCK boys!

We also have our first Cross-Country event taking place on Monday in Crosby. Let's just hope the weather is kind and the ground isn't swamped. No matter what, our children have grit and determination, always excelling and in the top of the tables. GOOD LUCK runners!

### EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR AREA

Can we please ask that the children in Early Years DON'T use the equipment and play area when dropping off or picking up. It's not that we're being miserable, but more of an aspect of insurance, accidents and setting-up for the day, or the next day's sessions.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

### BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB BOOKINGS

Parents, can you please ensure you have booked your slot at either Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club, through the app. The app booking system stays open until 5 minutes before (Breakfast Club closes at 7.55am; Afterschool Club closes at 3.25pm).

### LUNCHTIME WELFARE NEEDED

Due to the retirement of one of our long-standing Welfare Assistants, we are looking for someone who may like a job working with our youngest children. It's just 1 ½ hours a day supporting the Nursery children over lunch in their classroom and outside, as part of a fantastic team. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

### ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**

**We're still doing well – 5 classes above target this week. WELL DONE those classes. Come on Year 6...we need you to show the school how it's done!**

