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## 18th January 2019

## Message from the Head of School

We have enjoyed another fabulous week in school and the children are fully settled and back into the swing of learning. Our Year 3 and 4 football team played excellently on Wednesday in a football tournament at GOALS. The feeling of pride wearing the school football kit was evident before they left, and they returned to school beaming having finished 5th out of 9 schools. Well done everyone and thank you to Mr Driscoll, Mrs Duggan and Mr Dodd for providing this opportunity for them.

After all of your contributions, together with Holy Cross, we have raised £270 for HCPT. This is a real team effort and a great amount of money raised for such an important charity. Thank you all.

And we have had an indirect addition to the



Cathedral family. This week Mrs Ellard became Grandma Ellard after the arrival of her first grandchild, Charlie. Charlie arrived on Wednesday afternoon weighing a healthy 8 lbs 2oz, with mother and baby (and Grandma) all doing well.

And finally - a plea to everyone about attendance. It is so important that your children are in school every day and on time. Please do try to ensure your child/ren are in school before 08:50am so they have the best possible chance of success.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Mark Dyson

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#### **Liturgy in School**

Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday at 9.00 am.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is: Jesus brings joy!



Dear Jesus, please help Christians everywhere to be a sign of your love in the world. Help us to work together to make the world a better place. Amen

#### **School Masses**

Wednesday 23rd January—Michael Morpurgo class, 10am

Tuesday 29th January—David Walliams class, 10am

Wednesday 6th February—Julia Donaldson class & Roald Dahl class, 10am

Wednesday 6th March—Whole School Mass at The Cathedral, 10am

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Julia Donaldson	88.84%
Roald Dahl	87.32%
Michael Morpurgo	94.44%
David Walliams	93.82%

# **EveryMinute Counts**

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days

### Children's Liturgy

All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are very welcome during the 10am Mass for age appropriate worship in the Cathedral Centre. Please gather at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel before Mass. Parents are reminded that children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.

#### **First Holy Communion**

The date of First Holy Communion. The date has been set, and those children who have completed their formation for First Holy Communion will receive It on Sunday 5th May 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral and 11.30am Mass at St. Joseph's.

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

## Diary Dates

Friday 25th January

Year 5 trip with Widening Horizons, packed lunch needed

Wednesday 6th February

Healthy Smiles assembly with Year 3 and Year 6

Friday 15th February

Non pupil day

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February

Half term holiday

Monday 25th February

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 5th April

Last day of term, 3:15pm

Monday 8th - Thursday 18th April

Half term holiday

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

Monday 22nd April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 23rd April

First day of term, 8:30am