

### St Cecilia's Catholic Infant & Nursery School

#### NEWS UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly thank you so much for your support on Deaf Awareness "wear yellow" day last week. The children spent the day thinking about the implications of being deaf and learning some simple signs- a great day was had by all.

Awareness days bring to the fore an insight into the lives of others and forms part of our Religious Education and PSHE curriculum. It helps the children to understand that we are not all in the same position and how we can offer help and support from a position of understanding.

## CASH FOR KIDS - Radio City Appeal - Friday 14th May

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This week, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May we are taking part in this Friday's "Cash for Kids" charity event run by Radio City Liverpool.

Following the outbreak of Covid-19 the charity have been focusing their efforts on supporting families with basic essentials such as food, nappies, baby milk, clothing, and bills. As the pandemic and the lockdown continues, many people have found themselves unemployed, furloughed or living off a significantly reduced income. As you can imagine this has a massive impact on so many families who do not usually rely on government support and have consequently been pushed into poverty over these past few months. The charity have been working closely with schools, social workers and community groups who have all expressed significant concern for the children they work with who are now going hungry with families who have exhausted all avenues and do not know where to turn to for support. Last year the appeal helped 7,256 children, but there are still more children who continue to need support. To support this fund raising event we are asking that children come to school this <u>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></u> May wearing their own clothes with a voluntary donation of £1.

### Next Wednesday 19th May is also National Numeracy Awareness Day.

Evidence shows us that a positive attitude to maths is key to being numerate - having the confidence and competence to use numbers and think mathematically in everyday life. Negative attitudes are at the root of our numeracy crisis, rather than a lack of innate talent. In order for people individually and the country as a whole to improve, and in turn benefit from raised levels of numeracy, our attitudes have to change- everyone in the UK

must believe they can do maths! This means we will be celebrating the day by wearing something with numbers or patterns on, which could be a football top, a t-shirt with numbers drawn on with felt tips, a patterned t-shirt or shorts and any other creative ideas you have! The day will focus on positive attitudes towards maths with fun activities and challenges.

## Phil the Fire Engine

A Liverpool ex-fireman and author Dave Fanning has generously donated a large number of copies of his book Phil the Fire Engine to our school. We will be sending copies home with each of the children for you to enjoy.

### School Levy

Your child will receive a letter this week regarding the Archdiocesan Development Fund (school levy). We would be grateful if all contributions could be made to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

# Half Term Holiday

We finish school for the half term holiday on Friday  $28^{th}$  May at 3:00pm and return to school on Monday  $7^{th}$  June.

Thank you for your continued support and please be sure to look at resources on <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week">www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week</a> as we focus on Mental Health and Well-being this week.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs E van de Waal

Headteacher