



Chaplaincy



Sep - Oct 2023

21st September:
International Peace
Day

29th September:
Macmillan Coffee
Morning

6th October:
CAFOD Family Fast
Day

12th October:
Year 7 Service of
Welcome

2nd - 20th October:
Harvest Food bank
donations

International Peace Day

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September.

The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease fire. Never has our world needed peace more. This week, pupils were focused on the theme of Peace and wrote prayers for peace on templates of doves.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning in school on Friday 29th September during break time. Pupils are invited to bring in small amount of money in order to buy a bun or a piece of cake to support this important fundraiser! If you would like to send in any donations on Friday 29th, then please bring them to reception in the morning! Thank you.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD'S Harvest Family

Fast Day takes place on Friday 6th October. To acknowledge this day, we invite pupils to have a simple lunch of a soup and a roll.

This action shows that we are recognising that we are often fortunate because of the food we have to eat, whereas other

young people suffer from hunger. All monies raised

from buying the soup and a roll go to CAFOD. The cost is £2 in cash and you will need to order your soup and roll at reception

by
Monday
2nd
October.



Year 7 Service of Welcome

On Thursday 12th October, we will be **celebrating our year 7's Service of Welcome**. This is a great opportunity for year 7 pupils, form tutors, other staff, parents and carers to gather and to celebrate the achievements that year 7 have already made in the past month. It will give everyone the opportunity to see what fabulous work they have produced so far!



Harvest Food Bank Donations

Every October, we invite pupils, parents, carers and staff at HFS, to bring in donations of long-life food products. For example, pasta, canned food products, rice, tea bags etc. HFS then delivers these products to our local food banks. At this time, we all know how important food banks are. Whatever you can afford to donate will be greatly appreciated.

If all pupils could please bring these to form bases before October half term.

Thank you.





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Sep - Oct 2023: Feast Days and important Liturgical dates

- 8th September:
The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14th September:
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21st September:
St. Matthew
- 29th September:
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 4th October:
St. Francis of Assisi
- 9th October:
St. John Henry Newman
- 18th October:
St. Luke

Morocco Earthquake

We were deeply saddened to hear of the earthquake in Morocco which has devastated many lives. It is now estimated that nearly 3000 people have been killed by the powerful earthquake, which struck the country last Friday.



Libya Flooding

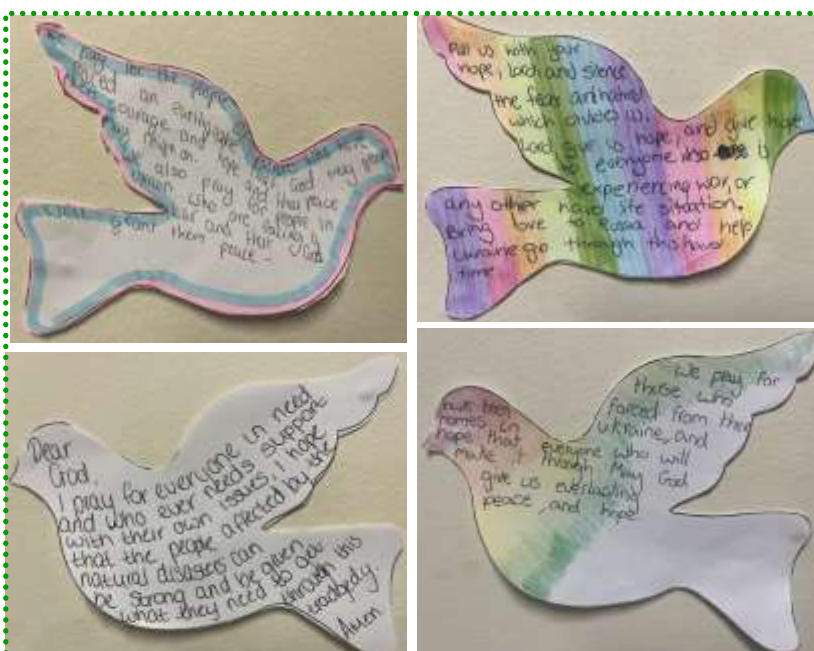
In Libya, thousands of people have been reported dead after a powerful storm led to devastating floods and the collapse of several bridges. News reports suggest much of the city of Derna, which is home to around 100,000 people, is under water.

Pray with us

Please join us in praying for the thousands of people who have lost loved ones, homes, are injured and in need of urgent emergency assistance. We also remember, as highlighted by Pope Francis, the rescue workers and **those who are working to alleviate people's suffering.**

Pupil Prayers

Here are some examples of the Prayers for Peace written during Collective Worship this week:



Virtue for this half-Term



This half-term our focus is 'Compassion'. We have many events coming up which



will show pupils and staff 'walking in someone else's shoes'. For example, having a simple lunch of a soup and roll on CAFOD Family Fast Day instead of our usual delicious lunch!

Scripture focus for this half-term: *Matthew 7:25: 'Everyone who listens to my words and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock'.* Reflection: If we build a house with strong foundations, it takes longer, it requires more work but we will reap the rewards of our labour for a very long time. This is the same for education, if a pupil works hard and makes good choices, for example: avoiding distractions in class, they will achieve better results and their futures will be brighter.