



13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Celebration of the Word**

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the feast of Pentecost which is next Sunday.

Pentecost is a time to reflect on the blessings of the Holy Spirit and the fruits God gives us through the Holy Spirit. The children will focus on these fruits; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They will hear of the story of a man in Uganda, called Odokh, who after a terrible time as a child being compelled to fight, was eventually supported by Caritas Gulu who works with CAFOD to support people like Odokh. They offer them counselling and reunite them with their families. With help, Odokh began to rebuild his life and to come to terms with the horrors of his childhood. He eventually married and he and his wife had three children and went on to live in Luzira village. The fruit of peace is at work here and in our fundraising efforts this year, the children have been supporting people like Odokh raising money for CAFOD.

The children will be asked to reflect as a Form group, as to an action they can do as a Form to make the world a better place. They will also consider within this, the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Rights and Responsibilities, because if we use them correctly, we can demonstrate that we are living out the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Our end of the day prayer for May and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for May:

May is the month in the church's year which is dedicated to Mary so let us pray:

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.  
Amen

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,  
and these thy gifts which  
we are about to receive from thy bounty,  
through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.



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We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is [c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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With God  
all things are possible

Matthew 19:26