

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

It was a real pleasure to see some of you back in church last Sunday. It seems that everybody involved with the two groups (4-9's & 10-13's) had a good time. Thank you to everyone involved in making that happen. And two babies - Theodore and Rory – welcomed and baptised on the same morning. Great stuff!



This week a young person asked me:

“Do you know what **SCHOOL** stands for?”

“No, what does SCHOOL stand for?”

“**Six Cruel Hours Of Our Lives!!!**” came the reply.

We laughed. Eventually we thought it might be better if we agreed:

“**Six Creative Hours Of Our Lives!**”

The story that will be read in church this Sunday includes both Jesus and a small child. I reckon Jesus was definitely on the side of creative not cruel. What do you think?



They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' Mark 9: 30 – 37



On a different note, St Columba's friends who are very involved this weekend with the Queen's Park Book Festival <https://queensparkbookfestival.co.uk/> drew my attention to an interesting charity. The London Children's Book Project is a national charity which believes in the empowering impact of book ownership. They gift books that children have grown out of, to those with few of their own, and want every child to experience the pleasure and escapism of a book that they have chosen themselves. Have you got books at home that you might like to pass on? <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/>

Happy reading, have a great weekend, take care and thank you to Fiona for providing some activities for this weekend.

The Sunday School Team