



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Another lovely week, started with us learning about the Baptism of Our Lord. We talked about how Jesus asked to be Baptised by John, even though John himself did not feel important enough. We are all important in our own way and have the special job of serving Jesus and sharing our gifts and talents. We also thought about how the Holy Spirit links to Baptism and how we can show that the Holy Spirit is working within us through our behaviour towards others.

We strive to work in partnership with parents and keep you informed about what your child is learning and their strengths and targets. Teachers have been working hard to ensure as much curriculum content as possible is on the class pages to support learning. This includes current key knowledge organisers and current topics, as well as practical and frequently requested resources and ideas for further learning. Please do utilise this resource, it is full of useful information and ideas for how you can continue the learning journey at home.

Over the next week, parents will receive a one-page mini target sheet regarding your child's key areas of learning, including R.E., English and mathematics. We hope these will act as a helpful bridge between the information you received during the autumn parent consultations and information that will be shared later this term. The rationale is to follow on from the information you received in the autumn term, share with you some of your child's strengths and achievements and also some target areas for development that we are currently busy working on in school. We are sure that you will also support your child at home with their areas for development.

The children's art work from induction week is looking so beautiful in our display boards around school. We will share some photos with you over the coming weeks. Well done to year six who were busy developing their DT skills this week - planning and making bread. I was lucky enough to get involved in the tasting of it and can confirm they were delicious!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating excellent knowledge and vocabulary, producing wonderful design ideas and living out our virtues.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y2 and Y4 for kind, safe and responsible behaviour.

Our lunchtime award went to YR for beautiful manners and excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y3 with 100%.

Catholic Social Teachings

We are learning about...

**Subsidiarity and
The Common Good:**

The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities all people and leaving no one behind.

Subsidiarity involves making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice.

"Beside the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us'...To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity."

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 7



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Notices

- During the weeks beginning 3rd and 10th February, we will be completing some further work on Children's mental health and also online safety. Nicola Rudge, our online safety advisor, will be leading an online safety workshop for parents on Thursday 6th February at 2:15pm. Please put this date in your diary.
- Please find attached an online safety poster about group chats and ask us if you require any further support or information.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are gratefully received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. As part of this fund, each class has many opportunities to earn £5 in our awards assembly - for being kind, safe, responsible, or for winning our lunchtime or attendance trophies. Classes then save these vouchers to spend on wonderful treats! Please help us keep these enjoyable traditions going.
- A reminder that smart watches are not allowed in school. They can cause distraction and safeguarding issues with games, cameras, etc.
- Here are some key assessment dates for this academic year. More details will follow in due course:
Y1 Phonics check: 9th-13th June
Y4 Multiplication check: Between 2nd-13th June
Y6 SATs week: Week beginning 12th May

Events

Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme - this will now start on Friday 17th January (every Friday for 9 weeks; please see separate letter)

Tuesday 21st January- Y4 educational visit- Please see separate letter.
Tuesday 21st January Y6 at Mass

EYFS parents are invited to parent workshops as follows:
Nursery: Tuesday 21st January 9am (how parents can support at home)
Reception: Wednesday 22nd January 9am (reading workshop)

Wednesday 22nd January 6pm - Y6 Parent meeting (see separate letter)

Tuesday 28th January - Y4 at Mass

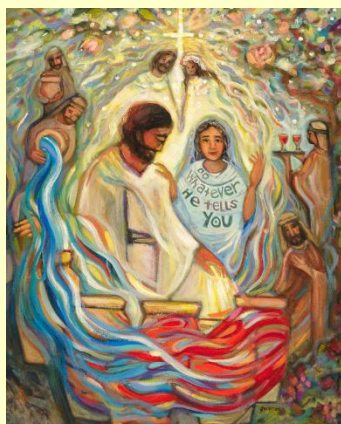
Monday 3rd February - mental health day: children can wear pyjamas / onesies (school council initiative)

Tuesday 11th February 9:10am Y3 Class Showcase (parents welcome)

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

During this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear about how Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine. People turned to Jesus in this time of difficulty, believing and trusting in his kindness and goodness. Like Mary and the wedding guests, we should always be ready to turn to Jesus in times of difficulty.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

God, I am Your disciple. Please teach me how to live a life that reflects who You are. As I grow in my faith, provide me with a community where we can teach and support one another. Help us to live out Jesus' model for living well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

