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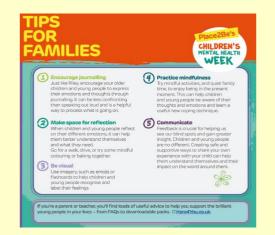
Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. He reads a passage in the Scriptures, which is about himself and His mission of bringing good news to the poor and justice and freedom to others. We have linked this significant message to our mission for the Year of the Jubilee. Pope Francis is asking us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' and share in Jesus' mission to create a world of justice, peace, love and hope. We have already started working on thinking of ideas to support our journey through the jubilee year. Thank you all children and staff and Mrs Hayes for leading the work - it looks beautiful in our entrance display.



During the next couple of weeks, we are focusing on children's mental health. This will start with our pyjama day on Monday. School Council have been working hard planning this and would like everyone to donate £1 cash, which will go towards a mental health charity of the children's choice. This year, the theme is, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' The Place 2 Be website has lots of lovely resources if you would like to find out more: <u>https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#schools</u>



Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who are being eloquent and thoughtful in their contributions to lessons, making a fantastic effort with their times tables and for their wonderful wider learning work!

Our Class of the Week Awards were distributed to Y1 and Y3 for being kind, safe and responsible and our Lunchtime Award went to Y5 for beautiful manners and good cooperation and communication through their play.

Our Attendance winners are Y4 and Y6 with 97%.

Jubilee Year



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

> May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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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. Parents from all year groups are invited to attend this session.
- > A reminder that no products containing nuts are permitted in school. This includes items such as Nutella. We have children with allergies and so need your cooperation with this important health and safety matter. Thank you.
- There is a new NHS service available in Boots pharmacies, called NHS Pharmacy First. This service enables children and adults to get convenient access to advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions, without the potential delay of waiting for a GP appointment. There is no need to make an appointment to access this service. It supports the following conditions for people in the age groups specified below:
- Earache (aged 1-17)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- > Infected insect bites and stings (aged 1 year and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- UTIs (aged 16-64 years)
- Shingles (aged 18 and over) Please see these websites for more information: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/ https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first</u>

Events

Monday 3rd February – mental health day: children can wear pyjamas / onesies (school council initiative) £1 cash donations please will go towards a mental health charity.

Thursday 6th February – online safety workshops for children and for parents.

Sunday 9th February 9:30am Y3 Commitment Mass.

Monday 10th February PTA Discos and non-uniform day (please see separate email)

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

Thursday 13th February – Art Gallery (please see separate letter)

Friday 14th February – inset day School closed to pupils

Reflection and Prayer

The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, marking the day when Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the temple.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with Jesus in the temple. Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Saviour of the World. Anna came forward and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting.

My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the temple in accordance with the Law. In that offering, our souls are purified and offered to Your Father. May my soul always radiate Your light from within me. Jesus, I trust in You.





Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher