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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

So far this term, we have been working on our 'Year of Prayer' project. In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. In school, we have been focussing on the 'Our Father' prayer. Each year group had a line from the prayer to unpick and present creatively. These were shared in our assembly this morning and are on display in our year group display panels and in the main entrance. We are sure you will agree from the photograph below, the children's work is a stunning portrayal of the powerful prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.

Over the next week, parents will receive a one-page mini progress report 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 academic year. 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 you will also support your child at home with their areas for development. (Please note these will be emailed across in batches throughout the next week.)

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been making excellent contributions to lessons and always taking pride in their work.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YR - building lovely relationships between classmates and Y6 - excellent conduct at St Chad's.

Our lunchtime award went to Y1 for beautiful manners and excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y1 with 97%.

Catholic Social Teachings

Participation and The Common Good:

We are learning about the common good which is all about equality and how society and its organisations should be for the benefit of all.

Loving God,
Help us believe that we are all brothers and sisters.
Help us to think about what is good for everyone, not just ourselves.
Lord in your mercy,
Here our prayer.



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Notices

- During the week beginning 5th 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 a safety online workshop for parents, here at school, on Wednesday 7th February at 2:15pm. Please put this date in your diary and let us know via the school gateway whether you can attend so that we have an idea of numbers.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are grateful received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. We will keep you updated on recent purchases.
- If you are having a clear out and have any Nativity costumes that are too small for your children, please let us know in school as we may be able to take them off your hands. Thank you.
- Please see the attachment regarding a communication newsletter. This is in connection with our partnership with a group of other schools in forming a Multi Academy Company called the Blessed Carlo Acutis MAC.
- Here are some key assessment dates for this academic year. More details will follow in due course:
Y1 Phonics check: 10th-14th June
Y4 Multiplication check: Between 3rd-14th June
Y6 SATs week: Week beginning 13th May

Events

Fridays - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (every Friday until Easter)

Sunday 28th January 9:30am - Y3 Mass of Commitment

Tuesday 30th January - Y6 attending Mass with the Parish

5th-9th February - Online Safety and Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - children can wear an item of clothing of a particular colour that expresses their positivity to launch our mental health week.

Tuesday 6th February - Y3 attending Mass with the Parish

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, alleluia

Your word is a light for my path, a lamp to guide me closer to you.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

This week, we hear through Mark's Gospel, how Jesus' teaching had a profound impression on many people. Jesus explained the scripture readings to the people in a way that was very different. As God's son, he understood the scriptures as no one else could and was able to explain their true meaning. The people saw a glimpse of Jesus' power when he cured the man with an evil spirit. He revealed something of God's power and might.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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