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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful start to the week discussing Jesus' Baptism and thinking about the meaning of some of the symbols of Baptism. The children responded to this really well and understood the meaning of the word 'revelation' when thinking about the dove coming down and resting on Jesus and the voice of God telling us that Jesus is God's beloved son. We thought about following in Jesus' footsteps. Congratulations to Szymon who was presented with his bronze Guild Medal by Fr Craig on Sunday as a sign of commitment to Altar serve regularly. It is wonderful to see children committing to their faith in this way.

The children have enjoyed finding out about and starting their new class texts this week. They include The Three Little Pigs, The Queen's Nose, How to Train Your Dragon and Holes. Please have a look on your child's class page to find out more and have a chat to your child about what they are reading. We have seen some fabulous reading lessons happening around school, with the children thinking really carefully about their answers and making predictions using evidence from the text. We hope that you find the letter attached about developing children's reading useful with some tips and ideas to continue to support at home.

The School Council have been working hard, coming up with some lovely ideas for future activities, including potential themed days and more ways to recycle. They have also been thinking about a follow-up on the lunchbox watch conducted last term and about the importance of making healthy choices with treats in moderation. With this in mind, they will be doing a tuck box watch on Monday and Tuesday to research snacks in school, with a prize for the healthiest year group! Some feedback will follow when they collate their findings.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

PTA News:

The 50/50 winners for December (each winning £18.13 each) are as follows:

Mrs Hopkinson

M&C Seager

L Cope

E Bridgewood

Cheques will be sent out in due course. Well done, all.

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been showing resilience facing challenging work, using super techniques in their writing and being supportive to others!

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y4. They have been working really hard to remember their prior learning and use it to build new knowledge.

Our attendance winners this week are Y1 with 99.1%. We are also adding raffle tickets into a box for children who have consistently good attendance or much improved attendance, with prizes to be given at the end of term.

Our Saints Stars winners this week are St Francis (green). Well done all!

Wellbeing

We try to ensure that children are able to manage times of change and stress, and that they are supported and can access help when they need it. We are striving to ensure that children learn what they can do to maintain positive mental health, what affects mental health and what they can do for support.

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spending quality time with kids. When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.





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Notices

- Please ensure that if you are collecting a child from EYFS and then waiting for an older sibling that your child stays with you. There have been some incidents of younger children running on the car park and around the field. This is causing a health and safety issue and is also causing a distraction to the staff trying to dismiss children. In addition, please take care when leaving the school premises at the end of the day. We have been made aware of some children running ahead and away from their parents which causes a danger by the roads.
- Please could we ask that children's external appointments, where possible, are taken outside of school time or during the holidays as being taken out of school can be disruptive to the children's learning.
- Please note that the Key Stage Two SATs assessment week for Y6 will run from Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May. The slight date change is due to the school closure on Monday 8th May for King Charles III coronation bank holiday. The phonics screening check for Y1 will take place during the week beginning 12th June.
- If you are having a clear out, please email Postbox about any good quality toys that could be utilised by our Before and After School Club. Many thanks.

Events

Tuesday 17th January - Y6 will be attending Mass with the Parish.

Wednesday 18th January morning - Y4 visit to Walsall Art Gallery.

Class teaching masses are due to start this half-term, please return your slip if you intend on coming into school for this (letters sent out last week).

Friday 27th January - Y6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral.

We are still waiting on some parental consent regarding local off-site walks and visits. Please return these next week so that children are able to take part in all activities.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

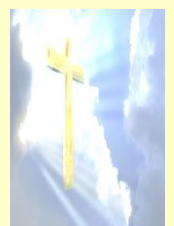
In Sunday's Gospel reading, John the Baptist describes Jesus as the 'Lamb of God.'

We ask Jesus to forgive our mistakes as we pray:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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