



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 8: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and great to see the winter uniform looking so smart. This sends a clear message to children about expectations in school. It is also a credit to the children to see their hard-working and focused attitudes during lessons. It has been a pleasure to welcome some visitors into school this week who have also commented on the children's calm and diligent attitudes and behaviour.

P.E Uniforms are generally really good too; however, can I politely remind parents that large sports logos and alternative non-uniform colours are not part of uniform.

Well done Year Five, who led us beautifully through our Mass on Tuesday - we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints Day. We thought about the saints that we know, our house saints, saints we may be named after and also some more modern day saints - Artémides Zatti, Margaret of Castello, Carlo Acutis and Elizabeth Hesselblad. Saint fact files, produced by the children, were presented during Mass. This coming week, we will be thinking about Remembrance Day, and in particular honouring armed force members who died in the wars. We are asking for £1 donations, please, via the Gateway and each child will be given a poppy to wear next Friday.

We are always looking to improve communications with parents and ensure that you are kept informed of your child's learning, curriculum and progress. The welcome briefings, website and class page hopefully contribute towards this. As a staff, we want to work in partnership with you to ensure children feel safe and happy at school. Please could you take the time to complete this parent survey by next Friday - we have had a few responses but would welcome and value any additional feedback. The link is also available on your child's class page for you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IoyO6IjakybZnbC7u6sfTFL\\_wQ47Flskehpj9elgZks/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IoyO6IjakybZnbC7u6sfTFL_wQ47Flskehpj9elgZks/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Some of our Mini Vinnies helped to transport all of the tins and packets of food to the food bank on Wednesday this week. Thank you again for your generosity! We delivered 133.5kg of food and this equates to 270 meals that we have provided. Thank you for your generosity!

Have a happy and safe Bonfire weekend.

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill



Some of our Mini Vinnies organising the Harvest donations at the food bank.

### Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been sharing their knowledge of the Old Testament, considering the needs of others in class and producing magnificent vector graphics.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y6 this week. They have been maintaining excellent positive relationships with each other and working well together.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y2 with 98%.

Our Saints Stars winners this week are St Francis with a huge 383 points!

Our Dojo point winners had a great time during our afternoon tea treat yesterday!

### Food Award

We are so excited to tell you that we have achieved our Food for Life Bronze Award. With particular thanks to Mrs Smith and of course, to our fantastic cooks, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hand, Mrs Logan and Mr Jackson. Some of Y5 will have the opportunity to attend the celebration event next week. The School Councillors have noted that Y5 have had particularly healthy lunches this term. Watch this space for more details on our achievements once we have attended the event!





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### Notices

- Thank you to all who supported the discos - a wonderful profit of £445.30 was raised! ☺
- Our PTA has some exciting news to share regarding the Christmas Fayre. This is being planned for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December after school. It should be a fantastic event. In order for it to go ahead, we are hopeful for your help and support with various items over the next few weeks as follows. **These will be non-uniform days for the children.**
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - £1 donations - paid via the school gateway please.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** (sportswear themed non-uniform for the World Cup) - Please send in items for rainbow Christmas hampers - please could you send in items in the following colours (it could be chocolate, Christmas themed items, drinks, family time items, pamper items, Christmas Eve treats, etc.)
  - ✚ Nursery/Reception - blue/green
  - ✚ Y1/Y2 -purple / pink
  - ✚ Y3 / Y4 - red / brown
  - ✚ Y5 / Y6 - gold / white
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Elfridges donations (gift sets, toiletries, etc.)
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - bottles for the bottle tombola and EYFS - cake donations please.
- Also, if you are having a wardrobe clear out, please could you send in any **Christmas jumpers** that you no longer want - any ages or sizes. Often, these items are only worn a handful of times. They will be set up at the Christmas fayre for you to purchase at an excellent rate - please see the poster.
- We understand that this is an expensive time of year. We are grateful for any donations that you are able to make.

### Events

Well done to Y2 who had such fun at the farm on Wednesday and managed to dodge the rain. Your behaviour was excellent!

Parents / teacher meetings will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. A separate letter with booking information has been sent.

Next week is National Recycling Week. Have a chat at home about what can be recycled, how and why. This all links really well with the Live Simply Award that we are working towards. Perhaps your family pledge is linked to recycling as well!

Open Days for prospective Nursery and Reception pupils will take place at 9:30am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and 2:30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

You are welcome to join us for the Aldridge Remembrance Parade on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to take part with your child, please complete and return the proforma on the separate letter to school. We are sure this will be a lovely occasion.

### Reflection and Prayer

The month of November is dedicated to praying for those who have died.

During this time of sacred remembrance  
We bring before God the names of all our loved ones.

We remember all those who shared their life  
and love with us and we pray that they are  
eternally blessed in the peace of Christ.

As we share our hope to be reunited with them,  
we pray that we may die to our selfish ways  
and give our all that your name will be glorified.

Glory be, as Autumn teaches, to the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

Amen.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.  
Amen.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher