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**Newsletter No. 16: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

This week, the children have taken part in induction week within their classes. This includes a re-cap on some key areas of learning covered in autumn term. It includes work on the British values - looking at individual liberty and mutual respect, our behaviour and safeguarding policies and procedures (including who are trusted adults the children can go to if they have any worries). The children have also been learning about how to keep safe online and about their emotional resilience and wellbeing - dealing with emotions and calming and regulating techniques.

As well as all of this, children have been focusing on reading and making predictions about what might happen in a book, as well as revisiting work on their class composer and styles of music.

We have been talking about the importance of our class rules and behaviour expectations and it has been lovely to see the children return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Y5 took part in a very exciting Rainforest Roadshow yesterday. They loved every minute of the art work, face painting, learning new facts and building on exciting knowledge. We have some lovely photos to share with you soon.

In other exciting news, our school opened in 1964, making this year our sixtieth anniversary. The school was blessed on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1964 and so we are waiting until the summer to commemorate this with some celebrations. We will keep you updated on the plans.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

**Peer Mentor Assembly**

We enjoyed a really inspiring assembly this morning, led by our peer mentors. They taught us about some of the people in the Bible whose hearts and minds were changed by Jesus and how this moved them to make a fresh start. We are fortunate to have this opportunity for ourselves with a fresh new year. With this in mind, we thought about something that we would like to work on or improve over the next term.

We congratulated many children across school for their beautiful behaviour and manners, independent work and resilience. Well done, children - you are wearing your badges with pride.

**Virtues**

This half term our focus virtues are **Compassionate** and **Loving**.

Getting children to stop and notice how others are experiencing their lives, and how they feel, and why they say and believe what they do, is an important aspect of parenting and teaching. Ultimately, it is what makes us kind and, at a deeper level, opens up the possibility of being loving through our just and merciful actions.





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### Notices

- Please ensure that you are adhering to our PE uniform policy. This is in place for fairness of cost and consistency for all. Sports labelled tracksuit tops are not part of policy.
- There are some slight changes to our lunchtime menus for this spring term. They can be found on the school website. Next week, we will be on week 2 of the menu.
- We have a number of families who are regularly arriving late to school. As a reminder, we open the gates at 8:40am for children to arrive and school starts at 8:45am. The gate closes at 8:55am and any children arriving after this time must be brought through the main entrance. If arriving late, our office staff will ask parents to complete a late slip with the reason for the late arrival. It is important for a child's wellbeing, education and future that they understand the importance of arriving on time. Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time. Arriving on time, ensures children's learning and morning routine is not disrupted and forms good habits for their future. If lateness is a recurring issue, then school have a duty to take further action in line with our attendance policy which is available on our school website.
- During the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm. Please put this date in your diary.

### Events

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (after next week, this will be every Friday until Easter)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Y4 attending Mass with the parish

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January- Y4 visit to Walsall Art Gallery. Please see separate letter.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 6pm - Y6 Parent meeting

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 visit St Chad's (please see separate letter)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Y5 attending Mass with the parish

### Reflection and Prayer

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

*Some of the men who would become Christ's apostles had been disciples of John the Baptist. It was while they were with John, on the banks of the River Jordan, that they first saw Jesus.*

*John the Baptist described Jesus as the 'Lamb of God'.*

*Lambs are often gentle, just as Jesus was. Jesus was sent by his heavenly father to proclaim the Good news and to save us. Like a lamb, he was prepared to be sacrificed, to suffer and to die out of love for us, so that we could share everlasting life in heaven.*



Yours sincerely,  
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