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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see the crowds at the Aldridge Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday morning. Thank you to all of the children, families and staff involved, marking the occasion so poignantly.

In other news, we started the week by joining together in wearing odd socks on Monday as a reminder that we are all different, unique and this is something we should embrace and celebrate. The children have thought really carefully about what bullying is and can confidently explain what they would need to do to safeguard themselves and others. We've had a real focus on kindness and the ripple effect it can have if one person receives a kind word or action, they are much likely to reciprocate and act with kindness and compassion towards others. It has been a fantastic opportunity to link these thoughts to the words of Jesus and also our school mission statement:

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We had such a brilliant maths-filled day on Wednesday this week - dressing up as rock stars to celebrate this! The children were so enthused and could talk about the number bonds and times tables that they are working on rapid recall of. This will really help the children's fluency skills, which they can apply to many more areas of mathematical work. Thank you for all of your effort with the outfits ☺ and thank you, Mrs Coleman, for organising such a fantastic day!

On Thursday, Y3, Y4 and Y6 were visited by Professor McGinty, an amazing time travelling detective! He brought his mobile museum with him and captivated the children with tales and artefacts linking to Ancient Egypt, World War II and Roman Britain. We learnt so much new knowledge and many interesting facts with some jokes and laughs along the way. Please have a chat to your child about how much they learnt.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Christmas Event Information:

Please see the dates and times published in last week's newsletter. There is one small change to the timing of the music concert, due to the increased number of musicians we have on board this year! The concert on Thursday 14th December, will now start at 2pm, rather than 2:30pm.

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who are being excellent role models and kind to classmates and building on their excellent prior knowledge, particularly in maths, science and writing this week!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y5 and Y6 for their enthusiasm and effort with the times tables focus.

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

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y2 with 99.4%. Well done!

Open Day and Admissions

Thank you to those who attended our open morning on Monday. We hope you found it informative and enjoyed the tour of the school.

Here is some information if you couldn't make it on the day:

If you would like your child to start Nursery in September 2024, there is a form that you will need to complete. This is available from the school office.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024, you will need to complete an online application (you should have received an email from Walsall Council) and also a supplementary information form - available from the school office. The online portal is open until 15th January 2024.



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Notices

- Our PTA has some exciting news to share regarding the Christmas Fayre. This is being planned for Friday 1st December after school from 3:30pm. 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 all be non-uniform days for the children.
- **Friday 24th November** - 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 / whiteThere will also be a disco for the children on this date at a cost of £3.50 per child, payable on the School Gateway please.
YR, Y1 and Y2 disco is 2:15-3pm and KS2 is 3:15-4:15pm.
- **Friday 1st December** - Y1-6: bottles for the bottle tombola and EYFS - chocolate 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.
- We understand that this is an expensive time of year. We are grateful for any donations that you are able to make. Thank you for your generous donations for Elfridges today.
- Thank you to our PTA for providing a lovely suggestion box for our front entrance - if you have any suggestions or ideas, please drop in a note.

Events

Tuesday 21st November - Y6 walking to Mass with the Parish

Sunday 26th November 9:30am Family Mass - Feast of Christ the King

Week beginning 27th November - NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Safeguarding Assemblies (please see separate letter which will be sent next week)

Tuesday 28th November - Y4 walking to Mass with the Parish

See notices section for key PTA non-uniform days and events.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Parable of the Talents is a story told by Jesus and is often interpreted as a lesson on the responsible use of one's abilities, resources and gifts. Jesus is encouraging his followers to be ready for his return at all times. In the parable, he describes a man who goes on a journey, entrusting his servants with his wealth and possessions in his absence. In a similar way to the parable, Jesus has given responsibility to us, his followers. Just like the master in the parable, Jesus has entrusted us with spreading the Gospel and loving and caring for others. We are stewards of the things Christ values most. This is an incredible responsibility.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

