



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we hear about how Jesus was presented in the temple and Simeon and Anna recognised how important and special Jesus was. We have linked this to our mission statement and have thought about how we can show that we are like Simeon and Anna in recognising how important and special all people are; made in the image and likeness of God.

We have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week this week. The theme has been, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The idea of it is that children are encouraged to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help them develop resilience and coping strategies. The children enjoyed wearing their pyjamas on Monday and we raised £184.60 from your contributions! School Council have decided to send the money to Children's Right2Food: <https://foodfoundation.org.uk/initiatives/childrens-right2food>

The pyjama theme was to express the importance of quality rest and a good night's sleep. Our School Council helped to organise the day and did a wonderful job - siblings had the chance to read to each other as well. We are proud of the voice that our children have through School Council suggestions and pupil voice initiatives. Children who feel their voices are heard can make a difference and have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

The Place 2 Be website has some great information and resources for families for further reading:
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

We have also taken part in Safer Internet Day. This takes place every year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, especially for children and young people. This year's focus is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' The children have been looking at the impact of positive and negative content online on mental and physical wellbeing; identifying a range of ways to report concerns about content and be aware of how to keep themselves safe from scams and phishing. Some useful parent information can be found via this link:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

This afternoon, our Peer Mentors led a prayer service about the mustard seed and a representation that even the smallest seed (amount of faith) can have a huge impact.

This afternoon, awards have been distributed for children who have been showing that they are particularly independent and beautifully behaved.

We have also given awards for fantastic presentation and handwriting.

We have celebrated our highest scoring Dojo winners for this half term with a certificate and raffle ticket! They earned a place on the Bench of Pride.

Art Projects

We have been thinking about the values and Catholic Social Teachings our key figures demonstrated throughout their lives.

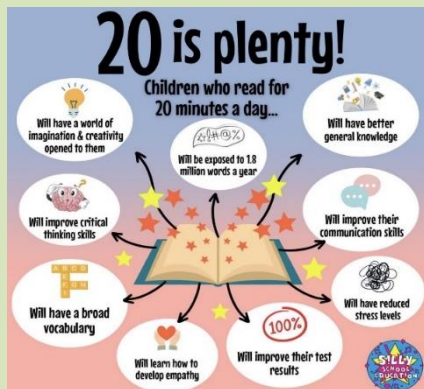




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Notices

- Our PTA are organising a disco for the children on Monday. Please see the separate email and pay via the gateway. The funds are all going towards some exciting resources for our children. We will share more information soon. Welcome to our new treasurer, Mrs Moore and a huge thank you to Mrs Lombardi, who has handed over to Mrs Moore and put hours of work into our PTA. Congratulations to Mrs Brown, who was the 50/50 winner for December.
- Please see this safety information regarding washing pods:
- https://capt.org.uk/washing-pods-and-capsules/?utm_source=capt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pods&mc_cid=dc086e3d8f&mc_eid=f5345b0080
- We will be celebrating World Book Week in school in March and are inviting the children to dress up as a book character on Friday 7th March.
- We are always looking at ways to promote and encourage the importance of reading in school - this poster highlights the benefits of twenty minutes reading per day:



Events

Sunday 9th February 9:30am Y3 Mass

Monday 10th February PTA Discos and non-uniform day (please see separate email)

Tuesday 11th February 9:10am Y3 Class Showcase (parents welcome)

Thursday 13th February - Art Gallery (please see separate letter)

Friday 14th February - inset day

Monday 24th February - start of spring term 2 (Menu week 1 will resume)

Wednesday 26th February - Y6 educational visit

Tuesday 4th March - YR Class Showcase 9:00am parents welcome

Wednesday 5th March 2:15pm Ash Wednesday Mass in school for Y1-6 (parents welcome)

4th and 6th March - parents' evening (details to follow)

Friday 7th March - children can dress up as a book character

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, Simon Peter, James and John had been fishing all night without success. Jesus told them to sail out again and cast their nets one more time.



Loving God, you have called us by name and given your only son to redeem us.

Open our hearts to Jesus in the Gospel.

Send us the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus among us.

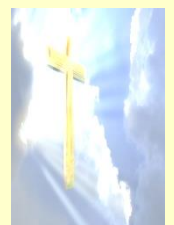
Give us the courage to speak his name to those who are close to us.

And grant us the generosity to share his love with those who most need it.

Help us to be missionaries in his name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher