



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We started the week this week reflecting on the Gospel message in which Jesus is telling us, as his followers, that we need to get ready to greet him. We can do this by reflecting on ourselves as people and trying to: share what we have, help others, live in peace and love God and one another.

Thank you to all of our parents who completed our recent parent survey. The theme of this was the Catholic life of our school. We had 85 responses and some wonderful, positive comments. Please find a summary attached and our responses from school, including some supportive information which we are sure you will find helpful.

This week is UK Parliament week. KS2 had an assembly, led by Miss Mullen, from UK Parliament on Wednesday. This was very interesting and informative. The children learnt how people become Members of Parliament, the differences between the House of Lords and the House of Commons and how bills are passed. We had a quiz at the end and the children did brilliantly. Our visitor was also so impressed with the children's behaviour and their very thoughtful questions. They showed that they had listened so carefully.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kind regards, Mrs Hill

Here are some more examples of our Mission Statement art work on display.



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been listening carefully to feedback in order to make improvements to their work and demonstrating patience, perseverance and determination with their learning.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y3 and Y6 for being safe, kind and responsible.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y1 for excellent manners, kind words and kind hands.

Our Attendance Award went to Y5 with 98.2%.

Asthma Friendly Award

We work very closely with our school nursing service and as part of that, we have been working on achieving the school asthma friendly award status. This week, we received confirmation that we have been successful and we have a certificate to display proudly in school.

This award recognises that our school strives to be a safe and welcoming place for children with asthma.

Thank you to Mrs Joyce, our lead first aider and to all of our staff for their contributions to this award.



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Notices

- Thank you for all of your donations of chocolates today, in preparation for our Christmas Fayre. Next Friday, our PTA fayre will take place in school from 3:30pm. It is a non-uniform day on this day and we are kindly asking for donations of boxed cakes from EYFS and bottles for our tombolo from Y1-6. We understand that this is an expensive time of year and we are so grateful for any donations that you are able to make.
- Last week, your child was sent home with raffle tickets to sell. The raffle will take place at the Christmas fayre and the tickets cost £1 each. Please send any ticket stubs with the money back in the envelope to the school office, plus any unsold tickets by Wednesday. Thank you so much for your support with this.
- We offer an indoor lunch club for children across Y1-6 and have purchased many exciting resources to support this. There are some resources that are continually used and so we are asking that if you are having a clear out at home and have the following going spare, please could you donate them to school: loom band sets and jewellery making, craft materials, play-doh and tools and comic books. Thank you for your support with this.
- As part of our new handwriting scheme, Kinetic Letters, we have purchased new whiteboards for all pupils. Socks are the best item to rub off the whiteboards after use to prolong their life. If you have any spare, clean odd socks (junior - adult size) please send them into school. Thank you.
- We are pleased to announce that our Poppy appeal raised a wonderful £101 for the royal British Legion. Thank you, everyone!

Events

- Tuesday 26th November - Choir event at Forest Arts
- Class Showcases this half term - parents are welcome:
Y5: Wednesday 27th November 9:15am
Y4: Thursday 28th November 9:15am
- Friday 29th November - non-uniform day and Christmas Fayre at 3:30pm.
- Monday 2nd December from 1pm - flu vaccine catch-ups
- Friday 6th December - Y1 Falconry visitor
- Tuesday 10th December YR school trip
- Wednesday 11th December - Professor McGinty - history visitor for Y4 and Y6
- Thursday 12th December 2:00pm - Musician's concert
- Tuesday 17th December - Y2/Y1 Nativity - 9:30am and 2:15pm
- Thursday 19th December 6:30pm - KS2 Carol concert in Church
- Friday 20th December 9:15am - Mass in school
Friday 20th December 1:30pm school closes for Christmas break
- A letter has been sent to Y3 this week regarding key dates for First Holy Communion.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tries to explain to Pilate that he was not a king who belonged to this world, but that he had come into the world to share his kingdom of love and goodness. We should be trying, through our lives, to replicate this love and goodness with the people that we meet.

As the great wheel of the liturgy spins,
It lands here, once a year,
To remind us that Christ is King—

In winter's chill or late autumn drear,
We need reminding that new life will come,
Springing from frozen roots and brittle branches.

As we prepare to approach the manger once more,
We need this renewal in understanding
That the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places.

O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day
Not only to the world around us
But to the world within us—

Where your Kingdom comes anew
With each act of love we offer,
Each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw.
Amen.

— Cameron Bellm

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

