



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children become immersed in their new learning and wider learning projects. Nursery and Reception have been busy making the most of the mild weather - learning and making friends in their outdoor space as well as in the classroom. Y1 have been impressing me with their handwriting and work on capital letters. Y2 are really enjoying the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and were excited to explore the smell and texture of a range of vegetables; they didn't seem too keen on the beetroot! I heard Y3 working on their French earlier in the week - fantastique! Another highlight of the week was seeing Y4 also enjoying the outdoors and taking part in an invertebrate hunt. Y5 have been working hard learning about the rainforest and different climates, whilst also writing some fantastic persuasive speeches. Y6 are have shown interest and maturity when discovering more about their World War II topic - well done.

Also this week, we have received a lovely letter from Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold thanking us at St Mary of the Angels for accepting the challenge to live simply in our community. We have shared lots of living simply ideas that we will put into action in school. Please have a look at the attached Live Simply letter outlining our first project - a family pledge! Thank you, Mrs Hayes for getting us started on this very important journey.

We hope you all have a relaxing weekend and are looking forward to another week's busy learning next week.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children showing respect and compassion (following our virtues), taking part enthusiastically in lessons and listening carefully - well done, children!

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y4 this week. They have been so sensible and shown maturity and independence.

Our Attendance winners for this week (for the third week running) are Y2 with 100%!

PTA News

The 50/50 club winners for the summer are as follows:

July - £19.06 each

- M Cope
- J Joyce
- C Bowker
- A Koumi

August - £18.44 each

- P Ratcliffe
- R&S Doocey
- S Keen
- M&C Payne

September - £18.75 each

- Stella Taylor
- E Shephard
- P Hobbs
- M Moore
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Please see the information flyer attached and consider joining - proceeds help purchase wonderful resources for our children.

Thank you, PTA!



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Notices

- Please do not send your child into school with any products containing nuts. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Some children can have a reaction even if the product is airborne so it is vital that we work together to keep everyone safe.
- Bikeability has been booked for Y6 next week. Just a reminder that children should dismount before bringing their bikes onto the school grounds and bikes should also be taken home after school each day.

Curriculum, Safeguarding and Well-being

- We have been exploring the importance of resilience in school - what it is and what it looks like. It is important that children develop these skills - what you practise really does grow stronger. You could encourage your child to spend two minutes each day developing resilience by:

TAKE 2!

CHOOSE ONE OF THESE WAYS TO DEVELOP YOUR RESILIENCE THIS WEEK AND SPEND 2 MINUTES A DAY...

1. **CONNECT WITH OTHERS** – BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS HELPS US TO FEEL STRONGER AND ASK FOR SUPPORT, ADVICE AND HELP WHEN WE NEED IT.
2. **NOTICE AND LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES...** (THIS MEANS BEING A LITTLE BRAVE AND MAKING MISTAKES!) – SOLVE A PROBLEM IN MATHS, PUT YOUR HAND UP AND ANSWER A QUESTION, ASK FOR HELP, TRY SOMETHING NEW IN PE.
3. **CELEBRATE YOUR HURDLES...** WRITE DOWN OR TELL SOMEONE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU OVERCAME. WHAT SKILLS AND QUALITIES DID YOU USE? WHAT WORKED?

Events

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 10th October - more details will follow next week.

Thank you to Reception, Y1 and Y3 parents who attended our parent welcome briefings this week. We hope you enjoyed them and found them informative. We have further dates planned as follows:

(Separate letters have been sent with more details.) All will take place from 3:30-4:00pm.

Y5 and Y6 - Monday 26th September

Y4 - Thursday 29th September

Y2 - Friday 30th September

The upcycled uniform will be available in the study afterwards.

We will be inviting Nursery parents to a Stay and Play on Friday 7th October at 8:45am. Please see your class page.

Reflection

This Sunday marks the twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Luke's Gospel contains the account of a very rich man who lived a life of extreme luxury. Laid outside the gate of this rich man's house, however, was an extremely poor man named Lazarus who simply hoped to eat what fell from the rich man's table. The rich man was indifferent to the plight of Lazarus, showing him no love, sympathy or compassion.

Let us be generous in our words and actions and show kindness and compassion to our neighbours.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

