



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel message teaches us how much Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them. He was able to make people well again because he was God's son. Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by showing our virtues - love, compassion and solidarity. We have been thinking about ways we can demonstrate these virtues towards others, near and far.

We have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week this week. The theme has been, 'My Voice Matters'. The children enjoyed wearing clothing to express their positivity on Monday. When we feel empowered, there is a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel their voices are heard can make a difference and have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. 'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. The Place2Be have created a parent support sheet about how to ~~talk to your child about mental health:~~ Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place from 5–11 February <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/media/vxgdpw3x/cmhw-24-top-tips-for-families.pdf>

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. 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. Some useful parent information can be found via this link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the online safety parent workshop on Wednesday - we hope you found it informative.

Have a wonderful half term break.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been taking pride in their work, challenging themselves with writing across the curriculum and making great progress with spelling!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y5 and Y6 for trying their best in all lessons and being ready to learn.

Our lunchtime award went to Y4 for excellent behaviour during wet break time.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y1 with 98.4%

Afternoon Tea

Well done to our highest scoring Dojo point winners for this half term. They enjoyed an afternoon tea celebration yesterday:

James, Ngozi, Leo, Beth, Edith, Billy, Roisin, Maddison, Orlaith, Gabriel, Erin, Brayden, Amber and Fabian.

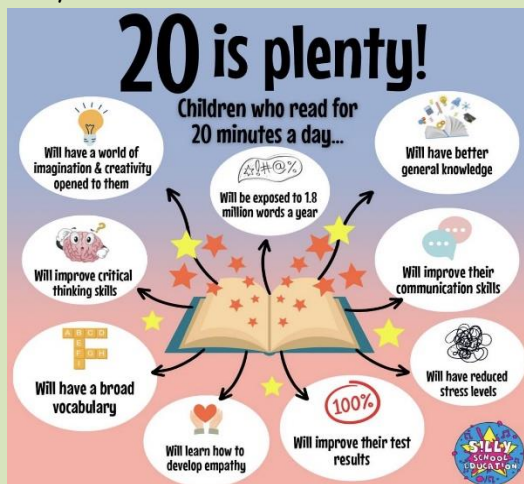




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Notices

- The PTA 50/50 winner for January is Danielle Linley - well done ☺
- Please ensure that glass water bottles are not sent into school. Thank you.
- We have recently spent a lot of money updating our book banded reading books and our class library books. Mrs Polito and Mrs Wilkinson have been busy purchasing as many books from each year group's recommended read lists as possible! We know you will enjoy them. We do need to ask for £5 for each book lost at home/ not returned to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- 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 8th 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

Fridays - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (every Friday until Easter)

Monday 12th- Friday 16th February
- Half Term Break

Monday 19th February - Inset day:
school closed to pupils

Thursday 29th February 2:15pm
Y3 Reconciliation Workshop

Thursday 7th March - 7pm
Y6 Confirmation

Friday 8th March - children can
dress as a book character for
World Book Week

Maths workshops - please see
separate letter

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus did not judge by appearance or status. Time and time again, he made those on the outskirts feel welcome and loved. In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus was filled with compassion and reached out and touched the man as a sign of his deep love and willingness to help. Because of this love, the man was cured and his life transformed from one of suffering.

Wednesday 14th February marks Ash Wednesday and the beginning of forty days of Lent.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

