



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 10: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

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

"Terrified soldiers far from home,  
Missing their loved ones fleeing so alone.  
Bombs and explosives diving to the ground,  
Death and destruction can be seen all around.  
I pray that one day we no longer have to endure,  
The crippling heart-breaking pain of these wars."

Wow - if only I could take credit for these powerful words; however, they were written and read very eloquently by Amelia at the Remembrance Parade - it is wonderful to encourage, develop and share the children's creativity, gifts and talents.

Also this week, we all joined 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 have been confident in the fact that bullying incidents rarely occur and, if it was to happen, the children can 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 more 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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Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

**Attendance Matters**

Following on from the attendance information last week. Did you know?:

- 90% attendance is equivalent to missing approximately 100 hour long lessons in one academic year.
- If you take your child on a 2 week term time holiday, annual attendance can instantly drop to 95% (cause for concern).
- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day. Children cannot miss school and easily slot back into lessons (sequences of learning).



**School Matters!**



**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have shown great determination and care with their work and being polite, kind and respectful.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y3. They have been such a supportive team this week, thinking of others, taking pride in their work and trying their hardest.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y2 with 98%.

Our Saints Stars winners this week are St John Paul with a huge 397 points. Our new trophy is now on display in the school hall.

**Support**

Cost of Living Crisis

We understand that this is affecting families at the moment. Please have a look at this website for more information on financial support.

- <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-bills-and-debt>

We would also like to make you aware of a government scheme which we are able to support in school, purely for the use of the before and after school club. It works in terms of tax free childcare, so for every £8 you pay into an online childcare account, the government will pay £2 which can be used to towards breakfast and after school club costs. Please look at this website and contact the school office if you would like any more information or have any questions.

- <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



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## Notices

- PTA Christmas Fayre- On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we have a non-uniform day for our Christmas Fayre. We kindly ask for donations for our 'Elfridges' Shop. The children love this stall at the fayre. For those of you new to school, Elfridges is where the children can go into the Elfridges store (no adults allowed) to pick a present for someone special - Mom, Dad, Nan, Grandad, etc. to give to them on Christmas Day. The delight and pride on their faces when choosing a gift is wonderful to see. There is no pressure with donations; we can make up gifts with individual items - for example a bottle of bubble bath is great. We ask for items for males or females - anything from chocolates, stocking fillers, socks, gift sets, etc. Boots have great 3 for 2 items, The Card Factory, Home Bargains, B&M. We are so grateful for all of your help and preparation for the Christmas fayre!
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - this is a non-uniform day - Christmas theme. The children could wear a Christmas jumper or something red, green or something with a bit of glitter or sparkle. We ask if you could send in bottles for the tombola (and EYFS - cake 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, so they will be set up at the Christmas fayre for you to purchase at an excellent rate - please see the poster.

### Health and Safety

It has come to our attention that, once some of the younger children have been dismissed, they are running off from their parents. This is causing a danger. Please ensure that your child stays with you if you are waiting to collect an older sibling. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## Events

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Y6 Commitment Mass**  
- all welcome.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** All children will have the opportunity to watch the football on Monday afternoon.

Nursery Reception Workshop this is on **Thursday at 5:30pm**. See the class page for more details.

We are pleased to share our Christmas Production dates with you. The Y1 and Y2 Nativity will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - at 9:30am and 2:15pm**. We will send each child home with two tickets to each showing nearer the time. Please do not feel you have to use all of the tickets. The KS2 Carol Concert will take place in Church on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 6:30pm. More details will follow.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent teacher consultations. We hope you found them useful and informative. Thank you also to all parents who completed our parent questionnaire. We will share the findings with you shortly.

## Reflection

*Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation.*

Luke Chapter 23 explains that one of the criminals spoke to Jesus:

"Are you not the Christ? He said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

### PRAY WITH US

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in Him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

