



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 3: Friday 20th September 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which Jesus asks the disciples a question - who do people think he is? Peter believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He has faith in Jesus but is afraid when he hears what will happen to him. We have been considering how we can show our faith in Jesus as our teacher and how we can show courage when things are difficult because God is always with us.

We have also been learning about the importance of recycling - being responsible and caring and preserving the earth's resources. This links with our focus Catholic Social Teachings of 'human dignity' and stewardship.' The children have been asked to look at food and drink wrappers to see what kinds of materials we can recycle.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Mass this morning. We were so pleased to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Ramesh. He taught us about how we should praise God for all of our talents and use them to the best of our abilities - in order for them to be shared with others. Fr. Ramesh was very impressed with the children's beautiful singing.

Well done to Year Six who completed their Bikeability proficiency last week and have earned their certificates. This was particularly challenging in the rain, but they persevered and did brilliantly.

Please see the attachment regarding our 'Welcome Briefings', a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see their new classroom setting.

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Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Please speak to your child about the kinds of things that we can recycle.



Virtues

Our virtues for this half term are **Curious** and **Active**. We are teaching pupils to be **curious** about everything and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

During this Season of Creation, we are focusing prayer on giving thanks to God the Creator, for all that he has given and pray that all those in positions of responsibility will ensure that the produce of the land and sea is shared fairly with all of our brothers and sisters across the world.

Attendance

A reminder that there are new guidelines around school attendance from this September as instructed from the Government. Please see the attachment.

If your child has a medical appointment during school time, office staff will ask for an appointment card or letter in order to authorise any absence.

Our attendance policy and page on our website has more information.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance Matters





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Notices

- Class pages are ready for you to have a look at. There is a wealth of information on them. Staff will talk you through how to navigate the page during the welcome meeting.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after our school anniversary celebrations and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- If you are at Asda this weekend, we have signed up the Cash Pot for Schools initiative. Please see separate email for information flyer.
- Fr Craig will be returning to Aldridge on Friday 18th October at 6:30pm for Mass at Church. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him, please do so via the gateway.
- A reminder that we are very fortunate to have use of the Church car park at drop off and collection time. Please utilise this. There have been people parking over footpaths which is very inconsiderate to pedestrians.
- PTA - There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday 25th September in school at 6pm. If you would like to be involved, or can help in any way possible, if you have an idea or a contact that would help the PTA, then please come along. The funds all go towards lovely things for our children.
- Years 3, 4 and 5 had an introduction from a potential violin teacher this week. If your child would be interested in starting to play the violin, please email Postbox to express your interest. This will be dependent on numbers.

Events

Please see the letter attached regarding 'Welcome Briefings' a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom setting.

Tuesday 24th September Y5 trip to Woodlands

Tuesday 1st October - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 5th October - more details will follow.

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 3rd October.

Week beginning 7th October, we are celebrating poetry week and have a visitor 'Pep the Poet', more details to follow.

Tuesday 8th October - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday marks the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Mark 9: 30-37, Jesus explained that anyone who wants to be first must make himself last of all and servant of all. Jesus said, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Lord, Help us to put others first, being generous and thoughtful in your name. Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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