



Recognising and celebrating the
presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

This week, the children have taken part in induction week within their classes. This includes a re-cap on some key areas of learning covered in autumn term. It includes work on the British values - looking at individual liberty and mutual respect, our behaviour and safeguarding policies and procedures (including who are trusted adults the children can go to if they have any worries). The children have also been learning about how to keep safe online and about their emotional resilience and wellbeing - dealing with emotions and calming and regulating techniques.

As well as all of this, children have been focusing on reading and making predictions about what might happen in a book and researching an author.

We have been talking about the importance of our class rules and behaviour expectations and it has been lovely to see the children return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We celebrated Mass with the feast of the Epiphany this afternoon in school, commemorating the visit of the wise men to worship baby Jesus. Well done to the Mini Vinnies in their work to support this.

We have been praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict. We give thanks for his life as a true and faithful servant of God and to the Catholic Church throughout the world. There is a prayer card attached with this email you may wish to use at home.

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Events and Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th January - Y6 will be attending Mass with the Parish.

Wednesday 18th January morning - Y4 visit to Walsall Art Gallery.

Please see the separate letter attached outlining class teaching Masses that will take place this term.

Friday 27th January - Y6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral.

We are still waiting on some parental consents regarding local off-site walks and visits. Please return these next week so that children are able to take part in all activities.

Virtues

This half term, our virtues are **eloquent** and **truthful**. The children are learning that being **eloquent** means to ask questions, express emotions, speak beliefs and talk about matters of faith and hope. We can show **eloquence** when we speak, in our writing, through music, drama, dance, art, and sport. **Eloquence** must be used in a **truthful** way.

Being **truthful** is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth as Jesus tells us, "The **truth** will set you free." (John 8:32). Knowing the **truth** about some thing or situation or person is what sets you free to see clearly and know surely. Being honest and **truthful** means we are following Jesus and living life the way God wants us to.

Reflection

On Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

*"As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven,
'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'"*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

