



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 19: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, through our Gospel message, we thought about the guidelines Jesus asks us to follow which can make us truly happy and this happiness will stay in our hearts forever. We looked at the parables of The Good Samaritan and The Rich Man and Lazarus and the children were asked to share how they think they can be peacemakers, forgiving and make the right choices.

As part of the children's personal development, we promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and good hygiene. The school nurse visited us today to talk to Y2 and Y4 and deliver workshops all about dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist. In addition to this, they discussed personal hygiene and germs, including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated and the importance of handwashing. The children enjoyed learning about these topics and this work links seamlessly with our curriculum programme, including science and also our daily routines and hygiene measures.

We look forward to another interesting week next week. Monday is the start of children's mental health week; Tuesday is safer internet day. Our themes are 'Let's Connect' and 'Making Space for Conversations about Life Online.' Linked with our work on keeping mentally and physically healthy, Wednesday is our visit from athlete Sam Oldham. Please send Y1-6 to school in their PE kits for their sponsored event. (Please note that the school uniform PE kit is plain black joggers and plain red t-shirts and jumpers. We have noticed some sports labelled clothing being worn which is not part of our policy.)

School Council are also leading an initiative linked with mental health and wellbeing. They would like the children to come to school wearing pyjamas on a designated day for their class - please see your child's class page for more information. We are asking for a donation of £1 per family which will be sent to a mental health charity. Thank you for supporting this.

Finally, please read the letter attached regarding our Catholic life parent questionnaire. It will only take a few minutes to complete and we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Thank you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1loyO6ljakybZnbC7u6sfTFL\\_wQ47Flskehpi9elgZks/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1loyO6ljakybZnbC7u6sfTFL_wQ47Flskehpi9elgZks/edit)

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

### Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who are making links to their prior knowledge and producing beautiful writing with attention to detail and using a range of punctuation.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to YR and Y5 for trying their best with all work, supporting each other and listening carefully.

Our attendance winners this week are Y3 with a super 98%! Well done.

Our Saints Stars winners this week were St Teresa of Calcutta (blue) with 343 Dojo points - fantastic!

### British Values

As part of the children's well-rounded personal development, we regularly re-visit the notion of British values and what they mean for the children in terms of developing them as responsible, inclusive, active citizens of school and society. One of the British values we have looked at is **rule of law** - enabling the children to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England. The children understand that we have school and class rules and rewards and sanctions through our behaviour policy to protect everyone's wellbeing and safety. There are also rules and laws to follow in society as a whole. During Sacramental preparation and through our RE work, we discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the importance of forgiveness.





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### Notices and Curriculum Information

- Reading Update: When reading with your child at the weekend, chat together about what they think will happen in the book and whether it is like any other books they have read. They could then have a go at summarising what they have read. Can they remember the main points?
- Please encourage your child to regularly access the Times Tables Rock Stars website. The children find this fun and engaging to access and it helps promote and support their times tables knowledge and all important rapid recall - this is then transferrable into multiple areas of the mathematics curriculum! Y4 children will take part in a multiplication check in June. Here is some information for parents. Please ask us if you have any questions.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>
- We thank Mrs Ward, whose staff governor terms of office have come to an end. She has been an asset to the governing body and given time and support to the school in abundance. We welcome Mrs Kennedy, teaching assistant, as our new elected staff governor and look forward to welcoming her aboard at the next meeting.
- Thank you to all year six parents who joined us for the Confirmation and residential information evening on Wednesday. We hope you found it informative.

### Events

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

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February - mental health awareness week and safer internet day on Tuesday

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Y3 Mass with the parish

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Sam Oldham, gymnast visit and sponsored event (Y1-6 children in PE kit please)

Please see the Science Extravaganza letter for more details of this event which will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February is an inset day - school closed to pupils.

### Reflection

*This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven."*

At Baptism, we became children of God, filled with the light of His spirit.

Help us to always walk as children of the light, touching the lives of others with God's love. Amen

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

