



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, our children have learnt that God's love and grace are for everyone. We have recognised that Jesus is our saviour, just as the Samaritan woman at the well understood that Jesus is the Messiah. We have thought about how we can show that we are saying 'Yes' to Jesus this Lent through good deeds.

We are continuing our journey through Lent in school and thinking about our key words 'give, act, pray' and how we can put them into action as part of our preparation. Thank you to everyone for supporting the initiatives led by the Mini Vinnies in order to help both our local and global families. Thank you for all of the toiletries sent in from EYFS and Y1 and Y2, plus a wonderful number of tins and packets from Y3 and Y4! Next Friday, the Mini Vinnies are asking if Y5 and Y6 can kindly donate dried foods - pasta, cereals, etc. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Our Confirmation Mass yesterday evening was such a wonderful occasion. We are proud to celebrate our year six children - congratulations to all of them. Thank you to all families and our staff for helping prepare the children so thoroughly. Rev. Fr David Doran visited us in school yesterday and was so impressed with the children's knowledge and how they had thought so carefully about the saints that have had a personal impact on them. They also asked some really insightful questions of Fr David, including how to use and strengthen the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to our hard working and dedicated PTA who prepared the Mother's Day gift shop today. We hope all mums, grandparents, aunties, sisters and friends enjoy their beautiful gifts! The children lovingly selected their own gifts from the shop. The PTA have expressed that the children all put such thought and care into the presents they were choosing for a special person in their lives - their manners were impeccable and they were a credit to you.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating excellent knowledge and virtues during their learning of our STEM subjects - Science, DT and Maths. This is in recognition of British Science Week. The children will also be thinking about how scientific skills can be used in the world of vocations!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y2 and Y6 for their kind, safe and responsible behaviours with full engagement in their work and activities.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y3 for improved manners and trying to be calmer and quieter in the lunch hall. Our Attendance Award goes to Y4 with 99%.

Catholic Social Teachings

One of our focus Catholic Social Teachings this term is SOLIDARITY.

Here is the story of Shristi the Sun Bear.

Shristi is one of the biggest animals in her neck of the woods. However, she also has the kindest heart.

A fire destroyed part of her forest and many animals lost their homes and were injured and couldn't live like they used to. Shristi was the first to visit them and shared time with them, learning what it was like to lose your home.

After becoming friends, she made sure that they found new homes and were happy with their new lives. Her actions inspired lots of other animals to follow.

We learn from Shristi's story that we must recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.





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Notices

- Holy Week Assemblies: Different year groups will be leading assemblies to talk us through the events of Holy Week. These will take place on the following dates. Parents are welcome to attend. They all start at 9:10am.
- [Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y2 Monday 23rd March](#)
- [Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 24th March](#)
- [Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 25th March](#)
- [Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 26th March](#)
- We are continuing the momentum of World Book Day and encouraging children to share their favourite books and authors and set aside time each day to read - this is so valuable!

Reading Every Day Goes a Very Long Way

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
● 20 minutes per day	● 5 minutes per day	● 1 minute per day
● 3,600 minutes per school year	● 900 minutes per school year	● 180 minutes per school year
● 1,800,000 words per year	● 282,000 words per year	● 8,000 words per year

Want to be a better reader? Read more!

Events

Next week we are on week 2 of the menu available on our school website.

Tuesday 17th March - Y5 Rainforest Roadshow in school

Tuesday 17th March - Y4 attending Mass with the Parish

Friday 20th March 1:45pm Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Week Assemblies - parents are welcome. All start at 9:10am - see the notices section

Friday 27th March 9:15am Mass in school. Parents and parish welcome.

Term ends on Friday 27th March at 1:30pm

Summer term starts on Monday 13th April.

Summer uniform can be worn from Easter. Please see the school website for more details.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Just as light chases away the darkness so that we can see, Jesus healed a blind man and said: " As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world."

How can we make sure that we are filled with God's light so that we do not become blind to God's goodness?

Jesus, fill me with the light of your love and faith.
Make me shine in the darkness and touch the light of others with the light of your goodness.
Amen

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

