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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, the children have been learning that Jesus is the Lamb of God and what the meaning is behind this. We have been learning that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we too can get to know Jesus and recognise Him as God. We have thought about small acts of kindness that we can do this week to show that we are being witnesses for Jesus in the world through our way of life.

You will have received a one-page mini target report regarding your child's key areas of learning, including R.E., English and mathematics. We are sure that you will find them helpful in supporting your children at home and working in partnership with us. Please also see the letter sent regarding parents' evening, which takes place later this half term.

As you will be aware, this academic year, we have started a new initiative in building on and improving children's behaviour for learning.

This develops the key skills children need to master to become successful learners.

Whilst it may look different in each year group, our six key learning behaviours build on our growth mind set ethos and show children how they can become more confident learners, who always aspire to do their best. These learning behaviours will develop important skills and attitudes that will put children in good stead for the challenges they will meet throughout their lives. We aim to support children to build successful futures by showing them how to be highly successful learners.

Last term, we were developing Independence and Collaboration. This half term, our key focus is: Pride. The children are learning the importance of showing a positive attitude to work, being ready to learn, presenting our work to the best of our ability and acting on feedback in order to improve! Please speak to your child about this new initiative.

Y4 had a fantastic time at Walsall Art Gallery on Thursday learning about and admiring the art work. Their behaviour and engagement was excellent. We look forward to seeing how their project progresses. We also have a whole school art gallery coming up; please see the attached letter.

We are always looking for ways to put our faith into action. Please see the certificate attached from the Thomas Project, thanking everyone at school for their generous donations of toys and gifts for those in need at Christmas. We are always so grateful for your generosity.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this afternoon, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have demonstrated reflective and considered responses during lesson discussions and for improving their spellings, handwriting, number bonds and times tables.

Our attendance expectation is a minimum of 96%. We have Y1-6 all above that this week - this is excellent.



Virtues

This half term our virtues are Curious and Active.

The children are learning about the lives of other people so that they can understand them and actively support them. We are also always thinking about what we can do to be more involved in acts of worship. The children are becoming more skilled and accomplished in leading their own prayer services.





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Notices

- Our key learning behaviour this half term is 'Pride'. This includes encouraging the children to take pride in their appearance. Our uniform is part of our identity and sense of belonging in school. Please support your child in adhering to our uniform policy, including wearing a tie - part of our winter uniform. We have a small stock in school if you would like to purchase one from us, please call the school office.
- During the weeks beginning 2nd and 9th February, we will be completing some further work on Children's mental health and also online safety. Nicola Rudge, our online safety advisor, will be leading an online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 4th February at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend. This will take place in school.
- Please find attached an online safety poster with a short overview of popular apps and age limits. Please ask us if you require any further support or information.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are gratefully received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. As part of this fund, each class has many opportunities to earn £5 in our awards assembly - for being kind, safe, responsible, or for winning our lunchtime or attendance trophies. Classes then save these vouchers to spend on wonderful treats! Please help us to keep these enjoyable traditions going.
- PTA News: Well done to the PTA 50/50 winners for January and the October re-draw, as follows. Cheques are in the school office. Please also see the joining form sent last week- please consider signing up; it all helps towards funds for our children.

January - Maggie Cope, winning £48.75

October re-draw - Gemma Stanton, winning £52.50.

Events

Our updated menu for spring term is on our website. We will be on week 2 next week.

Thursday 29th January 9:10am - Y3 Class Showcase (parents welcome)

Wednesday 4th February - Online safety workshops

Week beginning 9th February - parents' evenings. Please see separate letter.

Friday 13th February - Art Gallery in school (Please see separate letter sent today)

Friday 13th February - Crazy hair day (As part of mental health week, our School Council would like children to wear an interesting / fun hairstyle on this date.)

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd,

Help me to follow You faithfully.

Strengthen me daily with Your love,
and guide me along life's paths.

Keep me free from every evil,

Protect me from sickness and danger,

and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart and soul.

Hear my needs and grant me petitions.

Especially these intentions important to me at this time.

Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart.

May I experience Your saving power in my daily life,

As I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever.

Amen.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Hill

Headteacher

