Christ is the centre of our school community, where we live, love and learn together

Friday 6th December 2019

Prayer Focus for Autumn Term – Please say these prayers every day at home with your child

EYFS Focus (Nursery/Reception)

Our Father
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

End of Day Prayer (KS1 Focus)
God Our Father,
We come to say, thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night and in the morning send your light.
Amen

The Angelus (Y2/KS2 Focus for Fridays)
The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
• And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary…
Behold the handmaid of the Lord
• Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail Mary…
And the Word was made flesh
• And dwelt among us. Hail Mary…
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
• That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ
Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

School Mass and Catholic Life
Our next scheduled School Mass will take place on Monday 9th December at 9.15 am, led by Year 1 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Upcoming Events
• This half term our focus Jesuit Virtues are Attentive and Discerning. Keep impressing your teachers with the many ways you can demonstrate that you live these virtues…Teachers will be looking carefully to choose their two children who are working hard to demonstrate these virtues in their work and play!
• Our World Gifts sponsored event will take place on 13th December (each class will do their event at a time to suit them during the day). Please try to get some sponsors and use the CAFOD form so that CAFOD can recoup gift aid on some of the donations. This is always a special fundraising event as the children choose what they want to buy for other communities themselves
• Our Parish Fayre last Saturday was a wonderful pre advent celebration of how well our Parish and School work together. You all managed to raise £4417.80 towards a new school minibus. We will have pockets of fundraising between now and Easter to take this total over £5000…
• Thank you to Canon Evans who joined us last Sunday as Year 6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a lovely Mass and the children behaved beautifully 😊
• Family Prayer started on Thursday morning with a look at the life and relevance of St Nicholas – children had the opportunity to pray with their families, take home a tree decoration to make and get a chocolate coin to remind them of St Nicholas’ gifts of coins in children’s shoes! Next Thursday we will focus on another Advent Saint – can you guess which one?

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Attendance
Well done to Beech Class 😊 Next week we will have the last 100% focus attendance week of the year!

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**Bronze Ambassadors & Play Leader**

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<td>Ella Louise Moss</td>
<td>Tyler Bantock, Aidan Smith, James Yates, Amelia Busby, Neave Carney, Bea Martin, Helena Charlton, Amy-Leigh Raughter</td>
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**Sickness Bugs**

Please make sure that all children have a good hand washing routine before eating and after using the bathroom to prevent the spread of germs to minimise sickness bugs.

**Reception Class 2020**

Parents of Nursery children wishing to apply for a place in Reception Class next year need to make sure that they have their online application completed by 15th January. In addition, you will need to complete a supplementary application with the school. Please note that practising Catholics will need to arrange the Certificate of Catholic Practise directly with the presbytery and not through the school.

**Different Entrance Next Week**

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we are having new flooring fitted in the conservatory area and so children in Years 1 – 6 will use the Toilet Block entrance to come into school. Thank you.

**Golden Book Awards**

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers with their work, behaviour or attitude to learning. Golden Lunch with Mrs David ☺

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<td>Leadership: Avah Mellerick-Child</td>
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**Eco Tip**

As we continue our school initiatives supporting Laudato Si, join us in trying to do your small bit to help care for our common home…

*Reuse any Christmas or birthday gift bags that are received. School will be collecting unwanted gift bags for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre 2020.*

**Family Prayer**

Please join us again in the Season of Advent for our morning family prayer sessions. Our next session will take place on Thursday 12th December at 8.25 am in the school hall. This is Harry Potter Day but please come along no matter which character you are dressed as!

**School Trip Volunteers**

We like to keep updating our volunteer list in school. Parents interested in being in the bank of volunteers – please collect a Volunteer agreement from the school office (or let us know and we will send one home with your child). In addition, anyone interested in coming into school to hear readers, we could really use you! Thank you.

**2nd Sunday in Advent**

Sunday 8th December 2019
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| 8th Dec     | • 2nd Sunday in Advent  
• Confirmation Mass of Thanksgiving – please be in Church by 10.50 am in your full school uniform and **RED Confirmation tie** | 11.00 am |
| 9th Dec     | • Whole School Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception  
• 100% Focus Attendance Week – bumper Christmas effort – Are you able to be in school every day? All children who manage it are entered into a prize draw and winners will be selected for a prize  
• IEP Reviews will take place this week  
• NHS Height and Weight checks in school | 9.15 am  
All Week  
All Week  
pm |
| 10th Dec    | • Year 2 Visit to BMAG to learn about being Portrait Detectives  
• Some lovely art installations will be arriving today... | 10.00 – 2.00 pm  
All Day |
| 11th Dec    | • Active Curriculum Day (all classes)  
• Children’s Choice Lunch Menu, book at the office & pay on Gateway | All Day  
LUNCH |
| 12th Dec    | • Advent Family Prayer for Parents and Children  
• Harry Potter Day – OLOL becomes Hogwarts for the day! Selection boxes for the best character in each class!  
• Quidditch Day in school for all classes  
• Harry Potter theme lunch  
• Carol Singing at Triffiford Care Home (letter to follow for chosen pupils) | 8.25 am  
All Day  
All Day  
LUNCH  
3.30 pm |
| 13th Dec    | • CAFOD Sponsored Events Day in all classes – please complete sponsor forms  
• Cinema Night – The Star will be the film on offer this afternoon | Various times  
2.00 – 4.00 pm |
| 15th Dec    | • 3rd Sunday in Advent | - |
| 16th Dec    | • Staff Advent Retreat with Dan Callow | 3.30 pm |
| 17th Dec    | • Christmas Pantomime whole school visit (Pupils not attending the Pantomime are expected in school as usual) | All Day |
| 18th Dec    | • Year R Nativity | 2.30 pm |
| 19th Dec    | • Whole School Mass  
• Advent Family Prayer for Parents and Children  
• Christmas Jumper Day – own clothes and a Christmas jumper may be worn today with no donation. This is also Christmas Dinner Day. If your child usually has a packed lunch on this day and they would like to be included for the Christmas Dinner, please book and pay at the school office (there will be a vegetarian option).  
• Year 1 Nativity | 9.15 am  
8.25 am  
All Day  
2.30 pm |
| 20th Dec    | • Carol Service by Year 2 – 6  
• Last day of term (No after school club available today) | 1.15 pm  
2.00 pm |
| 22nd Dec    | • 4th Sunday in Advent | - |
| 6th Jan     | • School reopens for Spring Term - Please bring back a clean and full PE kit for the half term today. School Gates open at 8.30 am, doors open at 8.35 am and lessons start at 8.40 am (Please be on time – your teacher plans for you from 8.40 am) | 8.40 am |
| 8th Jan     | • Children’s Choice Lunch Menu – book and pay on the Gateway | LUNCH |
| 12th Jan    | • First Holy Communion Preparation Mass – Please be in Church by 10.50 am in full school uniform. If you are unable to attend Mass you must speak directly with Father Sean, the school does not pass on apologies in these cases. If your child has a job for Mass and you do not intend to be there, please advise Mrs Creegan so the role can be given to another child | 11.00 am |
| 13th Jan    | • Curriculum Letters for Spring Term will be sent home today  
• Homework Challenges for Spring Term out to families today (Year N – 5) | 3.20 pm  
3.20 pm |
| 14th Jan    | • Whole School Mass led by Year 5 | 9.15 am |
| 15th Jan    | • Bronze Ambassador Assembly for pupils | 9.00 am |
| 16th Jan    | • Year R eye tests  
• First Holy Communion Preparation Meeting in the School Hall or Church (Venue TBC) | TBC  
6.45 pm |
| 21st Jan    | • Don Bosco House Benediction | 2.45 pm |