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Celebrating the Year of the Word 2020

## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Children & Families,

### Christmas Presents

I am mindful that Christmas is an expensive time of year for everyone anyway and that the current situation is making things even more difficult for families. With this in mind, I would like to ask that you don't feel the pressure to buy a present for your child's teacher/s, teaching assistants and support staff. The staff work extremely hard all year round and do so because of their dedication to the job and to your children; they do not expect presents for doing so. If you would like to send Christmas wishes, there is nothing better than a card that the children have made and/or written themselves. These are the real treasures that staff like to keep. Alternatively, if you are able to, make a small donation to a charity of your choice in their name. Christmas is a time for sharing with those who are less fortunate than us. As a Catholic school, we would particularly recommend CAFOD and their 'World Gifts' if you are in a position to be able to donate to a charity.

There is one exception this year however! We are losing a much loved and very long serving member of staff at Christmas: Mrs. Preston. She has served the whole school community for an amazing 30 years and will be much missed. She is also a Christmas super-fan! We would like to keep this a secret from her if possible, but if you would like to send in a gift for her that would be lovely.

### Parents Evenings

These will take place by phone the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November. Class teachers will be in touch next week to arrange an appointment.

### *Information repeated from previous newsletters:*

#### Coats

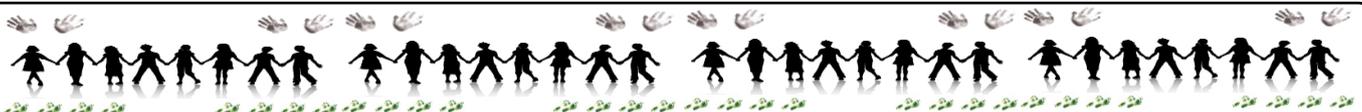
One of our measures to keep School as safe as possible is to have plenty of fresh air ventilation. This can make it a bit chilly at times! We are also trying to use the outdoors as much as possible. Can all children please make sure they have a coat with them every day.

#### School Gateway App

We have the majority of families linked in through our app now, which is fantastic. We will be starting to use the app to order school dinners in advance soon. If you still haven't got the app, please visit the relevant app store and search for School Gateway. You can also use it via its website: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

#### Shoeboxes

Due to the lockdown, the deadline has been extended. Boxes need to be brought into School by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



Walking hand in hand in the footsteps of Christ. We are His hands; we are His feet.



### **Remote Learning Plan**

Please visit our website to read about plans in place should your family need to isolate. Click on the 'Remote Learning' tab to read the plan and use the tabs below to access year-group specific learning.

Yours faithfully,

*Catherine Mallard*