



Tuesday News Date: Tuesday 4th December 2018

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Advent is a special time in the Church year, marked with a spirit of expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives. During Monday's Worship the children thought about all the things they needed to get ready for in their daily lives, such as getting ready for school, getting ready for bed and getting ready for Christmas. The children listened to a reading from the prophet Jeremiah and heard the promise, 'The time is coming...'



The children were asked the question 'Are you ready for Jesus?' The children reflected on how they could get ready this Advent to prepare a space in their hearts. They talked about how they could be kind to others, helpful at home and how they could pray more. Mrs Winnery asked the children to remember this Advent to 'Look, Listen and Live', to take the time to notice others who need help, to listen to His Word in prayer and silence and to live a life full of joy by spreading happiness. Worship concluded with the blessing of the Advent Wreaths where we prayed that the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

God Bless

Mrs Winnery, Mrs Walsh & Mr Copley

Advent Penitential Service



Yesterday, Father Gregory joined us to help with our Advent preparations. During Advent we need to make sure that we do everything we can to get ourselves ready in our hearts and in our minds. Our hearts need to be filled with love for God and for one another. With Father Gregory, we thought about the times we had done things wrong and asked God to forgive us so that we could shine

brightly with His light. Throughout this week Key Stage 2 children will be given the opportunity to go to confession in school and experience this wonderful forgiveness.

Catholic Care Christmas Toy Appeal

Catholic Care helps those in our local community who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised. Many of the families who they help experience hardship and poverty throughout the year and this is especially so at Christmas. As a school, we are supporting Catholic Care's Toy Appeal. We are asking for donations of unwrapped new toys and games to give to the charity to help put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support.



Celebration Worship

Please join us for our Celebration Worship this **Friday** at **9.10am**.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are pleased to inform you that a date has been set for Confirmation, for young people in Year 6 and Year 7, with Bishop Marcus at First Martyrs' Church. Confirmation will take place in the evening of **31st January 2019** for 19 young people. A meeting will be held at **6.30pm** on the **17th January** to discuss the event.

Faith In Action

Last week we launched the Faith In Action Award Scheme with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. The Faith In Action Award rewards active service in schools and parishes and encourages young people to shine the light of faith upon their experiences. There are four different levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. For this reason, it has been described as a 'Catholic Duke of Edinburgh'. This scheme will be open to children of all faiths in Years 5 and Years 6 so please do talk to your child about it. If they would like to take part, please sign and return the slip from the letter that has been given out as soon as possible.



Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.



Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

| Celebration Worship Leader Board | | |
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| Year Group | Class Explorer Names | Winners |
| Nursery: | Daring Adventurers | |
| Reception: | Little Explorers | |
| Year 1: | Dora's Explorers | |
| Year 2: | 2 Infinity and Beyond | |
| Year 3: | Greenwell's Globe Trotters | |
| Year 4: | Nugba's Nomads | |
| Year 5: | 5 Go Adventuring Again | |
| Year 6: | Raiders of the Gold Coins | |

Congratulations to:

Rohan Chohan, Tayyab Hussain, Isha Latif, Ava Ahmar, Alyssa Ferrer, Julia Jarecka, Zayyan Hussain and Erin Donnelly who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week. Mrs Winnery's Headteacher Award went to **Nikole Gluscika**.

Attendance

**Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow**

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

**Can you reach our
whole school target of
97%?**

**If we reach 97% our
attendance will be
Outstanding.**

| CLASS | % ATTENDANCE TARGET | % LAST WEEK w/b 26/11/2018 | % ATTENDANCE this year to date |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reception | 97 | 93.23 | 94.81 |
| Year 1 | 97 | 100 | 97.73 |
| Year 2 | 97 | 99 | 95.92 |
| Year 3 | 97 | 98 | 97.22 |
| Year 4 | 97 | 97.42 | 98.64 |
| Year 5 | 97 | 92.76 | 97.28 |
| Year 6 | 97 | 98.33 | 99.09 |
| Whole School | 97 | 96.96 | 97.24 |
| NEW TARGET | 97% | 97% | 97.% |

**Over the last few years we have all worked tirelessly to improve attendance.
Please help us reach our target!**

Mini Vinnies – Help the Homeless Appeal



Following on from last year's success we have agreed to provide 'Welcome Packs' for 25 homeless people in our Parish. First Martyrs' Church will serve up a hot meal each night, provide a warm bed and serve breakfast in the morning. We have been asked to make welcome packs of toiletries for each person.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS.....

If you can help please send in the following, class assigned items as specified:

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| Nursery | Face Cloth | Year 3 | Bar of Soap (not shower gel) |
| Reception | Toiletry Bag | Year 4 | Shaving Cream |
| Year 1 | Tooth Brush | Year 5 | Ear Plugs |
| Year 2 | Tooth Paste | Year 6 | Combs |

We will be collecting these items over the next two weeks and hope to present the welcome packs on the 14th December. The Mini Vinnies will assemble all the donated items and put them in a gift box. Thank you in advance for your support from the Mini Vinnies.

Parking and collecting pupils at the end of the day.

Can I say a big thank you to all those parents who are now parking just that little further away from the school entrance and walking. Not only is it helping you achieve your daily 10,000 steps, but you are also helping to keep all our children safer, as Fairfield Street is not as congested. Can I request again that parents arrive before the end of the school day of 3.30pm. If we continue to have the numbers we have at present waiting to be collected at the school gate we may have to start charging parents for After School Club.

Payments

Could you please make sure that all dinner monies and Extended School fees are paid up to date before we break up for Christmas.

Year 6 Residential Visit – Total cost £250.00

Can we remind parents, that by now, a total of £70 should have been paid towards the cost of the visit - with the balance to be paid in full by the 20th March. It is very important that parents stick to this schedule as school has to forward the payments by the set dates.

Key Dates for 2018

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| Tuesday 11th December | 10am. Nursery & Reception Nativity. |
| Thursday 13th December | 2.00pm. Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity. |
| Monday 17th December | 6pm in St Cuthbert's Church Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Everyone invited. |
| Wednesday 19th December | 2pm. Carols by the Crib. Everyone invited. |

**School closes at 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018.
There will be NO Afterschool Club on this day.**

School reopens on Thursday 3rd January 2019

Safeguarding our Children

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Winnery, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh or Mr Copley.