



**Tuesday News**  
**Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

## Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our families.



It has already been a busy start to the term. On Friday we celebrated the start of the New Year with a Mass in school with Father Gregory. Together we thought about all that was new in our lives and how we could live each new day as a gift from God. On Monday we heard in St Matthew's Gospel, the story of the Epiphany and reflected on how far we had travelled in our own journey towards Jesus and the gifts we could bring him. As a school community we prayed that God would bless our school - especially all of those who studied here, worked here and who visited here.

Harvey, Harleen and Halima in Year 1 took on the role of the Three Kings and visited every classroom. They wrote a traditional blessing to put above the classroom doors. The message was to bless all those who enter or leave by the door. The message consists of the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + and the last two numbers of the year; 20 + C M B + 19.

There are two theories for the meaning of the letters. The most popular tells us that they stand for the names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The other says that it means "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which translates as "May Christ bless this dwelling".

May God bless all our families in this New Year.

## Mrs Winnery, Mrs Walsh & Mr Copley

### Celebration Worship

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

### Year 5 Class Mass

Year 5 will be having their Class Mass on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am.**

### Year 6 Class Worship

Our Year 6 pupils would like to invite parents to attend their Class Worship on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am.**

### Catholic Care Christmas Appeal



We have received a lovely letter from Catholic Care who wish us to extend their thanks to you. As a charity they were able to make 340 toy and gift deliveries and 108 food hamper deliveries to families in need over the Christmas season. Thank you once again to all those who made Christmas 2018 so very special for so many children and families.

## Sacramental Preparation

**Confirmation for our Year 6 and past Year 7** pupils will take place with Bishop Marcus and Father Gregory at First Martyrs' Church on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of January at 7pm**. There will be a **Presentation Mass** in the Parish on **Sunday 3rd February**. All candidates have a **final meeting** on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of January at First Martyrs' Church at 6.30pm**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the Bishop to our Parish and would like to involve our whole school community. We hope that many of our school choir, parents and parishioners are able to join us on the night.

**Reconciliation Preparation Classes** will start for our **Year 3 children** this term. Parents are invited to a meeting in school on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm** to discuss the programme. **The children's first session will begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**, starting at **3.30pm until 4.30pm**. Please speak to Mrs Winnery if you have not returned your consent form but wish your child to take part. **First Holy Communion** preparations for our **Year 4 pupil's** will begin in **April** and the date set for the **First Holy Communion Mass is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Letters for enrolment on the programme will be sent out nearer the time.

**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		
Year Group	Class Explorer Names	Winners
Nursery:	<b>Daring Adventurers</b>	
Reception:	<b>Little Explorers</b>	
Year 1:	<b>Dora's Explorers</b>	
Year 2:	<b>2 Infinity and Beyond</b>	
Year 3:	<b>Greenwell's Globe Trotters</b>	
Year 4:	<b>Nugba's Nomads</b>	
Year 5:	<b>5 Go Adventuring Again</b>	
Year 6:	<b>Raiders of the Gold Coins</b>	

## 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 10/12/2018	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	87.10	93.35
Year 1	97	98.67	97.70
Year 2	97	96	96.08
Year 3	97	97.33	97.09
Year 4	97	96.77	98.41
Year 5	97	97.93	97.40
Year 6	97	99.67	99.08
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96.21</b>	<b>97.02</b>
<b>NEW TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97.%</b>

## Important Information regarding school meals

From the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019** the cost of a two course school lunch will be **£1.80** for **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**. Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still free of charge.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We constantly strive to be an outstanding school and to do this we have to be outstanding in all areas, which include attendance, uniform and punctuality. Please can I remind you of the important details in our **Home School Agreement** - which is signed by you and your child:

- **I/we will make sure my child attends school punctually each day.**

Classroom doors **open at 8.50am** and the children are expected to be sat at their desks ready to start work no later than 9.00am. The school gates are locked precisely at 9am. Any child arriving after this time will be marked in the register as late. The Government has changed legislation to include the following:

***Any child that is late 10 times or more in a school term (approx. 3 months) can be fined £60 per child, which rises to £120 if not paid within 21 days.***

As lateness seems to be a problem with a small number of children, school will now be monitoring this more closely - in line with the above.

- **I/we will inform the school on the first day of any absence before 9.00 am.**
- **I/we will ensure that regular, planned, expected medical appointments are made outside of school time.**  
If this is unavoidable please make sure school is notified well in advance and not on the day of the appointment.
- **I/we will ensure that family holidays are booked during school holidays. EXCEPTIONAL circumstances should be discussed with the Head of School following the completion of the holiday request form.**  
Attendance will continue to be closely monitored and the Government Supreme High Court has ruled that ***holidays cannot be taken during term time and school has the right to fine parents if they do.***
- **I/we will make sure that my child is properly presented for school by ensuring:**
  - **my child is wearing the correct uniform (labelled). My daughter is wearing black or red tights or white socks and not leggings.**
  - **my child has an appropriate hairstyle (NO shaved tramlines, colouring, undercuts or half shaved hairstyles).**
  - **my child is not wearing make-up or jewellery to school (small stud earrings are acceptable but should not be worn in school during the day they have PE lessons/swimming).**

**Girls Winter Uniform: Red cardigan, royal blue pinafore or skirt, light blue blouse, red tie, red or black tights/white socks and black shoes.**

**Boys Winter Uniform: Grey trousers, pale blue shirt, red tie, royal blue V neck jumper and black shoes.**

**No trainers or sweatshirts.**

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way we identify ourselves as a school family. Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.



## Swimming

Thankfully our swimming pool is now up and running. Please see the timetable below:

Year Group	Day
Year 4	Monday afternoon
Year 5	Wednesday afternoon
Year 1	Thursday morning
Year 3	Thursday afternoon
Year 2	Friday afternoon

Swimming money for this term remains at **£15.00** per child for Years 1 to Year 5. Please could you make sure payment is made via ParentPay. Thank you to those parents who paid for last term - as we could not swim last term those payments will be allocated for this term instead. Please send in your child's swimming kit on their allocated days. All children, boys and girls, require a swimming hat. These are available to purchase from the school office for £1.30.



## 'Magic' Breakfast

We were delighted to be able to launch our 'Magic' breakfast this week where every child has the opportunity to have a free bagel. A 'Magic' breakfast is a healthy and nutritious start to the day and ensures that no child is too hungry to learn. Independent research shows that pupils in schools providing a free, nutritious 'Magic' breakfast boosted their reading, writing and maths by an average of 2 months' progress per year.



## Dates for Your Diary for This Term 2019



Year 3 Class visit to Media Museum	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 6 Class Mass in School	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January @ 9.10am
Year 5 Class Worship	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January @ 9.10am
National Storytelling Week	W/C Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 4 Class Worship	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January @ 9.10am
Confirmation at First Martyrs' Church with Bishop Marcus	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January @ 7pm
Children's Mental Health Week	W/C Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 History Workshop	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 4 Class Mass at Church	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3 Class Worship	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9.10am
Year 2 Class Worship	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9.10am
Break up for half term holiday at end of day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February

### 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.**