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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Christ the King

In this weekend's Gospel

God sent his Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and to follow Jesus' example in our lives.



Adapted from St. John's Gospel

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?"

Pilate replied, "Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!"

So Pilate asked him, "Are you a king, then?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."

Let us pray...

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

Mrs O'Neill's

Wellbeing thought for the week...

'When you say 'yes' to others, make sure you're not saying 'no' to yourself.'

(Paulo Coelho)

As the busy Christmas period approaches, remember that it is ok to say no.

Self-care is just as important as caring for others; being kind to yourself is not selfish!



This week in school

Pre-School – have been going on a Bear Hunt!



Year 1 – have been writing CVCC words.



Year 2 – were scientists and tested materials for suitability.



Year 4 – have been exploring the apparatus in P.E - gymnastics.



Year 5 – are preparing for the Christmas performance at The Edge with a special workshop lead by Wigan's vocal coach.



Year 6 – have been modelling and researching invertebrates in science.



CAFOD

At this time of year, we aim to raise some money for CAFOD in support of our neighbours around the world who are in need. On the day of Christmas dinner (Wednesday 11th December), children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory and bring in a donation of £1 for the collection bucket. Teachers have organised some fun events for the children to get involved in that day:

Pre School and Reception – design a wooden Christmas tree

Year 1 and 2 – make a snowman craft

Year 3 and 4 – 'Santa Dash'

Year 5 and 6 – make special Rosary Beads

Please send donations in for these activities if you can, as we are hoping to raise enough money for a 'World Gift'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu2DfPvb9WU>

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/schools>

Every bit helps.

In addition, we have asked that the children **not** buy class packs of Christmas cards – instead please consider donating the money that you would have spent to the CAFOD collection. If the children wish to, they could bring one card addressed to the whole class or school. Thank you for supporting the children's awareness of living sustainably and simply.

It would be wonderful if our collection bucket makes enough to provide children who have very little, with something that will be life changing. Thank you for your support.



Bright Beginnings

Parents/Carers with babies and toddlers are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 9.15am – 10.15am in the Pre-School room with Mrs Sivori, for play, refreshments and a sing-a-long.



Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the wonderful 'Coloured Christmas Hampers'! The raffle for these will take place on Thursday 19th December and tickets are available to buy on Parent Pay - £1 a ticket.



Christmas tree Decoration

The PTFA will be holding lunchtime craft sessions when the children will have the opportunity to make a tree decoration. The cost of this activity in **£2 per child**. Please pay via parent pay. All monies to be received by Friday 6th December.



Christmas Parties

Pre- school & Key stage 1 – Tea with Santa

MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH 3.15- 5pm

Ticket price of £11 includes party games and entertainment from *TAZ Entertainments*, a Christmas craft session, a chance to meet Father Christmas, have a party tea and a gift from Santa!

Key Stage 2 - Christmas Disco

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH 3.30- 4.45pm

Ticket price of £10 includes party games and entertainment from *TAZ Entertainments*, party tea and a gift from Santa!

All Children can come to school that day in party clothes. Tickets on sale on ParentPay.

Attendance at St. Marie's is extremely important.

Class attendance for the week ending 15th November –

Class	Attendance	Number of lates
Reception	97.8	1
Year 1	95.8	1
Year 2	98.7	0
Year 3	98.1	2
Year 4	97.1	2
Year 5	96.1	4
Year 6	94.7	0

Our school target is 96.5%.

B and A Club

Could I please give a gentle reminder that B and A club finishes at 5.30pm in the evenings.

Dates for your diary - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

Monday 25 th November	Advent Mass in school hall 9.30am with Fr Joseph. All families welcome
Wednesday 27 th November	Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEND – guest speaker (9am in the Community Room)
27 th , 28 th , 29 th November	Year 6 'Bike ability'
Tuesday 26 th November	Inclusive Sports Event 11 – 12.30pm for a selected team - Bowling with Miss Shaw
Saturday 30 th November	Standish Markets – Our Choir and Year 5 will perform
Monday 2 nd December	Road Safety training in school for Year 3 and 4 from Wigan
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 2, 3 and 4 visit Standish Library
Thursday 5 th December	Year 5 and St. Marie's choir perform in a concert at The Edge, Wigan
Monday 9 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm-3pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 4 perform a percussion concert for Parents/Carers in the school hall at 9am
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 5 and choir attend St. Marie's Church for the Knights of St. Columba Carol Service 6.45pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 watch the Snowman Christmas film whilst a live orchestra plays the backing music

Thursday 12 th December	Year 6 perform their World War 2 themed play for Parents/Carers - 'Bombs and Blackberries' at 2.15pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am Reception and Pre- School Nativity 2.30pm
Monday 16 th December	Year 5 Parents/Carers invited to Advent Collective Worship 9am
Monday 16 th December	Tea with Santa for Pre School and Key Stage 1 3.15 - 5pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3 Parents/Carers invited to Advent Collective Worship 9am
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 4 Parents/Carers invited to Advent Collective Worship 9am
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Disco for Key Stage 2 3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Year 6 Parents/Carers invited to Advent Collective Worship 9am
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday 2pm



This week's Golden Book children

Pre-School – **Helen** for always being a kind and gentle friend.

Reception – **Henry** for always doing the right thing.

Year 1 – **Esme** for taking part and being independent.

Year 2 – **Madeleine** for excellent behaviour and learning lots of lines for our Christmas play!

Year 3 – **Tillie** for trying to come into school with a smile and always being sensible.

Year 4 – **Sasha** for always being focused and resilient in all lessons.

Blake for joining in more in class and working hard.

Year 5 – **Harper** for showing maturity, diligence and hard work – well done!

Year 6 – **Orla** for confidence in maths.

Alex for focus and dedication to homework.



Well done all of you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes **Mrs Jackson**