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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

In this weekend's Gospel

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the kingdom of Heaven.

Adapted from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus said to his disciples, "One day I will return, and you will know that the time has come because of these signs: the sun will grow dark, the moon will lose its brightness, stars will fall to earth and even the sky will shake. Then the Son of God will appear in all his glory and send his angels to gather his people together from all over the world. Only my heavenly Father knows when all this will happen, so stay awake and be ready!"



A Prayer

Lord, may our lives always be rich in love and goodness, so we are ready to welcome you whenever you return. Amen

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

This week in school

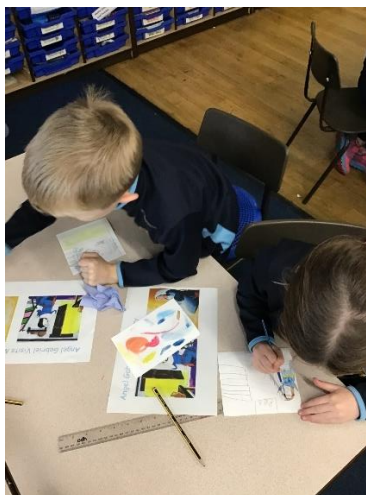
Pre-School – have explored the artist Kandinsky.



Year 1 – asked questions to make pictograms using iPads.



Year 2 – have been illustrating the “Annunciation” with water colours in R.E.



Year 4 – In music, the children are exploring percussions. This week they used cups to make songs.



Year 5 – have been investigating the features of different materials in Science.



Year 6 – A jeep came to visit!



Anti Bullying – there were lots of odd socks in school on Tuesday!



Bright Beginnings

Bright Beginnings is proving very successful. Parents/Carers with babies/toddlers are very welcome. Bright Beginnings starts at 9.15am and finishes at 10.15am on Wednesdays in the Pre School room with Mrs Sivori. Refreshments are provided and donations welcome. Please call the school office if you would like to come so that Mrs Savori knows how many to expect. Thank you.



Colour Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year, we are having a colour themed Christmas Hamper raffle. Each class will be given a colour and families are asked to donate something suitable to go into a Christmas hamper. There will be a competition between the classes for the best hamper. These hampers will then be raffled (£1 a ticket via parent pay). The raffle will take place in school on Thursday 19th December.

CLASS COLOUR

PRE/SCHOOL & RECEPTION- BLUE

YEAR 1 –SILVER

YEAR 2 – GREEN

YEAR 3 – YELLOW

YEAR 4 – RED

YEAR 5 – PURPLE

YEAR 6 -GOLD

For example: Year 6, your colour is *GOLD*. Each child will be asked to bring in a gold coloured festive gift to go into their class hamper eg. Gold chocolate bars/ coins, gold label teabags, gold bottle of something, gold candle etc. Please **do not** send in perishable / fresh food items.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAYS

Could all donations for hampers be brought into school by Friday 22nd November. Thank you.

Christmas tree Decoration

We 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 who are attending either party to come to school that day in party clothes.

Advent Walk

We are sorry for any disappointment caused due to the cancellation of the Advent Walk. When the PTFA met, there were only a couple of people who were able to help with this. Also, many families have 'Standish Markets' the day before where our choir are performing, and it was felt that many families would not be able to commit to both events.

The PTFA have suggested instead that we have a summer walk and picnic. Other events planned for next half term include a quiz and 'Break the Rules Day'. Please support us where you can.

Attendance at St. Marie's is extremely important.

Class attendance for the week ending 8th November –

Class	Attendance	Number of lates
Reception	98.1%	3
Year 1	98.1%	4
Year 2	98%	0
Year 3	94.7%	3
Year 4	97.7%	3
Year 5	87.2%	3
Year 6	97.1	1

Our school target is 96.5%.

Education Penalty Notices

Wigan's system for issuing fines for unauthorised holidays taken in term time has now gone live. This means that parents taking children out of school in term time for unauthorised holidays of 5 days or more could be fined. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

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

Monday 18 th November	Session in school hall for Holy Communion Year 4 5.15 – 6pm
Monday 25 th November	Advent Mass in school hall 9.30am with Fr Joseph. All 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' (Separate letter to families of Y6)
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 Tickets available for Parents/Carers through the link sent in Mrs Whittle's letter – don't miss out – book early!
Monday 9 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm-3pm in the School Hall (more details to follow)
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 play the backing music (details to follow)
Thursday 12 th December	Year 6 perform their World War 2 related 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 – **Daisy** for showing enthusiasm and excitement towards her role in our Nativity. She has practised the songs with a lovely smile.

Reception – **Jamie** for being a happy learner, having an infectious smile and trying hard all the time.

Year 1 – **Oliver** for showing kindness and resilience.

Year 2 – **Eleanor** for trying hard with handwriting and putting her hand up to answer questions.

Year 3 – **Teddy** for being kind and helpful.

Ronnie for being hardworking and trying hard in poetry and answering questions.

Year 4 – **Elijah** for being a wonderful new member of Class 4, working hard in all lessons, and making excellent contributions.

Year 5 – **Lilly M** for great participation and being a good friend.

Year 6 – **Alexander** for resilience and focus in maths and achieving the challenge work.



Well done all of you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes **Mrs Jackson**