



I really do believe that I have the best job in the world, not only was I presented with a bottle of gin on Tuesday morning (an unwanted Christmas gift, believe it or not!), but I also had the opportunity to take 40 members of our older choir to the Civic Centre, where they performed in front of the Mayoress, Councillor Veronica Nicholson, and her distinguished guests at an afternoon tea reception in the Council Chambers. They were all an absolute credit to the school, sang beautifully and were all given a little memento of the special occasion. A couple of videos can be found on ClassDojo.



This week, the school have been heavily involved in Children's Mental Health week. A week full of activities that are designed to support your child's well-being including Mindfulness led by our very own practitioner, Mrs McNamara. Today, children came into school in their own clothes to take part in the Dress to Express theme day. Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Mindfulness parental workshop.

Further information can be found here:

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMlyPqunvel_QIVyd_tCh3H5ASVEAAYASAAE_gJYFvD_BwE

Holy Family Parish News

Due to unforeseen circumstances mass will not take place in school on Thursday (16th February) as previously arranged. Our next mass will be Thursday 9th March. Don't forget: parents of children making their First Holy Communion, it is their preparation lesson this weekend and on Sunday there is the Candlemas BBQ 5pm at St Mary's Church. For more information about what is happening in the Holy Family Parish please follow this link: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

After School Clubs

Year 1- Year 6 pupils have received a letter about the afterschool clubs that are available after half term. Please ensure you return the letter, ticking the box(es) with the clubs your child would like to take part in and return it to school on Monday (13th February). Children will then be told, via a letter, which club(s) they can attend and the dates the club will begin. Please wait for your confirmation letter as these clubs are heavily oversubscribed.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We are still accepting any unwanted Christmas gifts. Please hand them into the school office or give to a member of staff on the gate on a morning or at the end of the school day.

ATTENDANCE

This week, our overall attendance was 94.8%. Remember, our aim is 97% every week. Well done to Class 5 who had the best attendance this week with 99.2%.



Attendance Matters

Please remember to telephone the school office by 9.15am each day your child is absent. Any unexplained absences are recorded as 'unauthorised'.



SAFETY

In the interest of safety and the lives of both children and adults, can I please ask you NOT to drop your child off in your car, right outside the gates to the playground, opposite St Luke's Church. This area is covered by yellow lines and it is extremely dangerous for everyone at such a busy time of day. We have had a couple of 'near misses' recently. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12 th February	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney. Candlemas BBQ
Monday 13 th February	Year 1 Stranger Danger training, part 2.
Tuesday 14th February	Class 12 parent open event 2pm.
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term.
Monday 27 th February	School reopens at 8.30am.

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – more information in next week's newsletter.
Sunday 12 th March	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
W/B 27 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays.
Sunday 2 nd April	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
Monday 17 th April	School reopens at 8.30am.
Saturday 13 th May	Children to make their First Holy Communion: 10am St John Vianney, 12pm St Joseph's and 2pm St Patrick's.

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.



Headteacher