



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of November, we will soon be beginning the season of Advent which officially begins on Sunday 1st December. This is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Advent is always a busy time of year and we have a lot of dates for your diary. This includes the joint Advent service with our family of Catholic schools, including St Mary's, which will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at St Kentigern's Church at 6pm. We hope you can join us for what is always a joyful event.

On Sunday 24th November, it is our Parish Christmas Fair. We hope you will be able to attend and support this event straight after the 11 O'clock mass.

Finally, please remember to return your ballot papers for the election of our Parent Governors. We have 3 candidates standing for 2 positions. The ballot closes on Monday 25th at 4pm.

Thank you,
Dr Allen

November Dates for your diary:

29th Nov—5W Class Assembly—09:00 and 09:20

29th Nov: Y3 & 4 Advent Service (parents) - 16:00-16:30

Nursery—30 hours Childcare

If your child currently gets 30 hours free childcare, you will need to reapply for your code by 31st December in order for this to continue.

Thank you

School Admissions Deadlines

Please note that the deadline for Primary Applications for September 2020 is

15th January 2020

Please do not leave it until the last minute.

Road Safety

Please remember to park legally and safely when dropping off and collecting children from school and please be considerate of our neighbours.

Also, please do not park near the school office.

Children should not be dropped off in the road and allowed to run into school.

We really appreciate your support with this. The safety of the children is paramount.

Tickets for the Nativity/ Advent Services are now available for sale on ParentPay.

Once purchased on ParentPay, the tickets can be collected from the School Office.

Books, Books, Books - A HUGE Thank You!

We just want to say a huge thank you to all who supported our Scholastic Book Fair and our recent visiting Author. For every book sold at the Book Fair, Scholastic kindly give us back rewards for school. This book fair raised £655.98, which has earned us an additional £327.99 to spend on new books for school.

A number of families also purchased books from our visiting Author, Eamonn Reilly last week after being inspired by his assembly. As a result, Eamonn kindly donated some of his books to school, which we have added to our school Library. So as always, thank you for your continued support!



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If you are, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based in Preston, offers bespoke PGCE training in Early Primary, Primary, Secondary and Secondary 14-19 (Post 16). With over 60 schools in the alliance we are able to offer a range of experiences in a variety of locations.

Please contact us for further information on 01772 326931 or cta@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

November R.E. Newsletter



November - Remembrance

We dedicate the month of November to remembrance as a special time to pray for those who have died and gone before us. In particular, on Remembrance Day we mourned for all those who have died in wars around the world. Class 4A performed a wonderful assembly, which allowed us to stop and reflect on the sacrifices these people made for others.



The Year of the Word

This year, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as '**The God Who Speaks**': **A Year of the Word** to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. Therefore, (beginning this December during Advent) 2020 will be a year of **celebrating, living and sharing** God's word, through a range of events, activities and resources. Please look out for updates!

Sacramental Programmes Update

This year, the Sacramental programmes of Reconciliation and the Eucharist are being led by the Parish. If you have any queries, please contact Fr. Etienne directly at the presbytery on **01253 762227**.



Year Group Masses and Class Prayer & Liturgies

These are now well under way and the children have been excellent in responding to the mass and understanding the Gospel of the day. Our next year group to celebrate the mass is Year 3 on Wednesday 4th December.



Travelling Posada

During the season of Advent, each family will have the opportunity to bring home a travelling Mary and Joseph so that you can share the Christmas story with your children at home. This has been a huge success in the past, so we will be continuing this again - look out for your purple pack!



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies' are children aged between 7 to 11 (or younger) who, with the permission of their parents and the support of their Schools, are encouraged to embark on their first steps as possible 'Vincentians for life'. We have now established a group of 16 children in KS2 who have volunteered and then been voted for by their peers. We meet on Friday lunchtimes to discuss how we can support the needy and vulnerable in our society. For further information, please visit <https://www.minivinnies.org.uk/about/index.php>