



27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would like to share some dates with you which you may find useful to have advance notice of. A whole school newsletter will be coming out shortly, but I understand that having these dates sooner rather than later will be helpful.

**Whole school photograph shoot:**

The Trust has organised for professional photographers visit our school during the afternoon of next **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. The photographer will be taking photos of 'school life' to include on our new website and any brochures which may be used to promote school events. Please can your child be dressed in their 'winter uniform' (shirt and tie) for this event. (PE uniform worn as usual for Y1 please and any children doing multi-sports after-school).

**Class Liturgical Prayer time:**

Liturgical prayer takes place each day in school, either in the classroom, with a group of classes, or as a whole school gathering. Liturgical prayer is an opportunity for us to gather, listen to the Word (which comes from scripture), to respond to the Word and to go forth with a mission. Liturgical prayer is a short opportunity each day to thank and praise God. Liturgical prayer is not a 'performance' or a well-rehearsed event, but simply an opportunity to take part in a prayerful part of our school day.

Parents, carers and families are warmly invited to join your child's class for liturgical prayer on the following dates:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Y5, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Y2, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Y3, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Y4, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y6, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Y1

Please come to the main school entrance at 2.45pm\* Liturgical prayer will begin at 2.50pm and will last 10-15 minutes. If you can't make this occasion, there will be another opportunity during the Spring term.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Class Welcome Liturgy \*2.15pm followed by refreshments**

**Christmas Events:**

The children in Early Years, and Year 1 and Y2, will be performing Christmas Nativities which you are invited come and watch. The dates are: Nursery and Reception: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (am). Year 1 and Year 2 dates are: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (am). Further details to follow.

Year 3 and Year 4 will take part in "Snappy Christmas" with Tees Valley Music – dates to be shared as soon as we receive them.

Y5 and Y6 will host a Carol Service at Holy Rosary Church on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> December – date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Sheena Sinclair  
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