



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on being 'FAITH-FILLED' and 'HOPEFUL'. The following children have been seen living out these virtues and have been awarded a wristband this week: Beau (Y3), Orla (Y3), Beaumont (Y2), Ada (Y2), Robyn (Y2), Charlotte (Y6) & Jake (Y6).

Memorial Wall

As November, the month of Holy Souls, draws to a close. Our memorial wall in school will be taken down & items returned. Thank you to the pupils, parents and staff who brought in photos, orders of service and name cards for their precious loved ones who have gone to our Father's house. If you wish to come into school to pay your respects for a few moments in front of the wall then you are welcome to do so on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Advent

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. There will be various activities and liturgies happening in school during this important season of preparation. Mrs Noble-Barton will be sending out some more information next week.

Parish Events

Please find attached to this email, some flyers from Father Allen regarding some parish events and initiatives including the St Nicholas fair which is taking place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December.

Christmas cards

If every child in a class of 30 wrote a card for all their classmates, there would be 870 cards written in just one class! Please find attached to this email an interesting idea from Birmingham Diocesan Education Service about how to protect God's creation by not sending so many Christmas cards this year.

Miss Gamlen

Our Year 5 teacher, Miss Gamlen, is climbing Mount Snowdon this weekend to raise money for Shelter UK homeless charity. If you can spare anything to support her then please follow this link [Katie's Snowdon Challenge! \(give-star.com\)](#)

Wrap up warm, Miss Gamlen!

Lighthouse Club

Lighthouse Club has spaces available for before and after school care. They also have spaces available in their pre-school from January 2023. Call Mrs Carole Baird on 07590 411 118 for more information.

Achievement Assembly on Friday 2nd December & Friday 9th December - EARLIER START TIME

Achievement Assemblies on the above dates will start at **2.30pm** rather than the usual 2.45pm.

Raffle for Save the Children

Orla and Beau in Y3 are definitely Faith-filled and Hopeful as they are running a raffle to raise money for a charity close to their hearts. On **Monday 28th November**, your child can bring in 50p to buy a raffle ticket at break or lunch time. Prizes include stationery and sweet treats! Please do all you can to support these wonderful children.

E-safety follow up poster

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the NSPCC webinar on Wednesday evening. Attached to this email is a helpful E-safety poster which you may wish to read in your efforts to keep your children safe in the digital world.

Phonics - home video links

Reception - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hNU5XXvR/HtjyFckJ> and
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rnQiMWSn/x1mkBfgW>

Green - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JQc34an2/xC73J6dz> and
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MwfEBROj/uuMLI8JQ>

Purple- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OradGvTV/LWAIqKG7>

Pink- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OradGvTV/LWAIqKG7>

Orange - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/K2vdVQ8Q/I1yCGVbq>

Yellow - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HxDytqaK/PPUH1MKT> and
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EytrvOCW/eQ6IVUkt>

Stories after dark - Years 3 & 4

On Tuesday 29th November, Years 3 & 4 are invited to come back to school from 5:30pm until 6:45pm to read stories with their friends and teachers. Your child is welcome to wear their pyjamas and bring a cuddly toy, favourite book or blanket with them to enjoy. During the evening, they will be given a snack and some hot chocolate. Please sign your child up via ParentMail if you haven't already done so. We can't wait to see you there! Reading Ambassadors in Years 5 & 6 are also invited to attend this event.

NB - There will be similar opportunities for other year groups throughout the year.

Updated lunch arrangements for KS1/KS2 theatre trips in December

On Thursday 8th December, KS1 will have their lunch before attending the theatre. **A hot meal will be provided by the kitchen if your child usually has one.** Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to eat during the afternoon.

On Friday 9th December, KS2 will have their lunch upon their return from the theatre. **A hot meal will be provided by the kitchen if your child usually has a Friday dinner.** Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to eat during the morning.

Kindness Week Poster Competition - 'Reach Out'

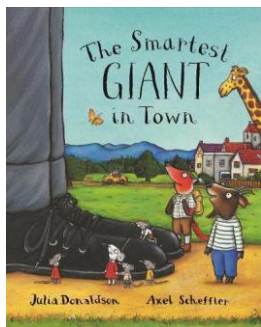
Congratulations to Rowan in Rec and Natasha in Y6 who have been awarded 5 merit marks for winning our 'prestigious' poster competition to raise the profile of the theme for this year's Anti-Bullying week: 'Reach Out'. Thank you to everybody who took part, all of the entries were wonderful and well done to our Reading Ambassadors for their objectivity in selecting two winners! Please take a look at the winning entries attached to this newsletter. All posters are available to collect from the Year 6 classroom.

Word of the Month

With December approaching, we would like your suggestions for another word of the month. It has been fantastic to see so many children striving to use new vocabulary in their writing! So far, we have had 'mesmerising' and 'prestigious'. What will be next? Please send your suggestions to Miss Smith by **Wednesday 30th November**.

Staff book recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Matthews recommends ...

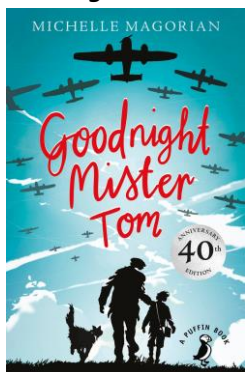


The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson

George wished he wasn't the scruffiest giant in town. So when he sees a new shop selling giant-sized clothes, he decides it's time for a new look: smart trousers, smart shirt, stripy tie, shiny shoes. Now he's the smartest giant in town . . . until he bumps into some animals who desperately need his help - and his clothes! [Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mrs Maquire recommends...

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

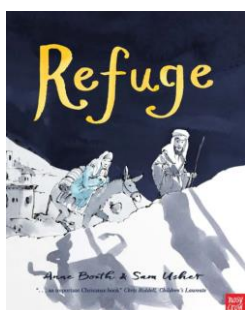


Britain, 1940. With World War Two raging all around, young children are being sent from their homes in the city to the countryside for safety. When eight-year-old Willie Beech first arrives on Tom Oakley's doorstep, neither are quite sure what to make of each other. Brought up in terrible poverty, Willie is terribly shy, and totally unprepared for village life - but the gruff-but-gentle 'Mister Tom' quickly takes him under his wing. Neither he nor Willie could ever have predicted the journey they will go on together - nor the unbreakable bond that will be formed.

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A special book recommendation from Mrs Noble-Barton, suitable for all ages of children to share during Advent & Christmas...

Refuge by Anne Booth and Sam Usher



A timely and timeless retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by refugee children everywhere.

This powerful and evocative picture book, which tells the Christmas story and what follows the fleeing of Jesus, Mary and Joseph from Herod's soldiers to Egypt has timeless crossover appeal and a poignant message that couldn't be more relevant.

[Click to purchase](#)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6/12	Feast of St Nicholas - whole school Mass in school at 1.30pm
Tuesday 13/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Wednesday 14/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Tuesday 3/1/23	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4/1/23	First day of Spring Term for pupils

God bless,

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Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

