



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

9th December 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: Aiden (Y5), Mila (Y5) & Ollie (Y5).

Reverse Advent Calendar

During this season of Advent, the school community will be preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. During our Gospel Liturgy this week, we discussed the fact that Jesus appears to us in every person we meet, including those in need. As part of our preparation to meet the Lord, we want to help those in need this Advent by running our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' initiative again. The idea behind this is that we donate something rather than receiving something this Advent. We have a long standing working relationship with Bethany Food Bank in Erdington and so we will be collecting for them this year. Donations can be sent into classrooms with children or handed in at the school office. We are asking for:

Tinned veg, tinned meat, tea, coffee, Christmas hamper type items, toiletries, loo roll, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, women's sanitary products.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Apologies

One again, we extend our apologies for the mix up in the date for the KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick theatre. This will now take place on Wednesday 14th December. The arrangements will remain the same with pupils eating their lunch upon return to school. Please note, that this will be between 1pm and 1.30pm so a large breakfast will be in order! If your child wishes to bring a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit, to eat during the interval then they are more than welcome.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - thank you

A huge 'thank you' for your support for this year's St Nicholas Poppy Appeal. You raised £460.07 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

Aspire Active Camps

Please find attached information about Aspire Winter Camps which provide a childcare option over the Christmas period.

Lunchboxes

The vast majority of pupils who bring lunch from home have healthy and nutritious food. However, there are a few examples of high sugar, fat & salt foods creeping in. Please ensure that the contents of your child's lunchbox is healthy and nutritious and, of course, nut free. Thank you.

Rudolph Run 2022

The Rudolph Running has begun. At the time of writing, we were 54% towards our target of £500. We would be very grateful if you could donate what you can to this wonderful cause.

[Claire Noble-Barton is fundraising for John Taylor Hospice \(justgiving.com\)](#)

Whole School Mass

On Friday 16th December, the whole school will gather in church to celebrate Mass on the last day of the Autumn Term as we break up for Christmas. This Mass will begin at **1.15pm**.

Word of the month

December's word of the month which is: **Mesmerising**.

Thank you to everyone for your suggestions. These will be rolled over to January. If you have any other suggestions, please let Miss Smith know.

PFA Christmas Disco

This will take place on Wednesday 14th December from 3.30pm-5pm. This will also be Christmas jumper day so there is no need for the children to get changed at the end of the day. Please follow the link to the PFA website sent out on parentmail to purchase tickets.

Phonics - home video links

Reception - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Tz2T2RNq/iZAZDKvo>

Green - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vS3L8yy3/JzW0Sy1L>

Purple- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yO8wf3Vh/Spj3GqYN>

Pink- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QHkKkeCC/yz8dMkja>

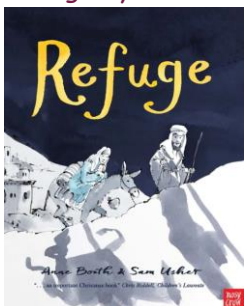
Orange - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YIY93ogG/2g7JHEWC>

Yellow - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/AkMX8Zn1/xOGyfWBO> and
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Hue7XqtC/nTvV4oP>

Book Recommendation

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 13/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Wednesday 14/12	KS2 Theatre Trip to Lichfield Garrick theatre
Wednesday 14/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Friday 16/12	Whole School Mass in church at 1.15pm
Tuesday 3/1/23	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4/1/23	First day of Spring Term for pupils
ADVANCE NOTICE Friday 17th February will be an INSET Day - school closed to pupils	

God bless,

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Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

