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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 14th November 2014**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**







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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| This week we started our new RE topic of Advent. Advent means coming. We think of the coming of Jesus, when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. Discuss with the children how your family welcome visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent eg. Advent Wreath, calendar and Jesse tree. |

**Our school Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families of the world

**Amen**

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| Year Group | Achievement Certificates | Dojos  Certificate |
| Year 1 | Ciara  Lauren  Frankie |  |
| Year 2 | Erin  Jake | Evie |
| Year 3 | Harry  Phoebe  Finn | Maisy |
| Year 4 | No certificates awarded as it was IPad Day | All points carried forward |
| Year 5 | Alfie  Sophie  Poppy | Olivia |
| Year 6 | Jack  Nicholas  Ruby | Holly |

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| **What’s happened this week?** | |
| **Remembrance Service**  Many thanks to everyone who attended the very moving service on Sunday for Remembrance Day. It was lovely to see so many of you.  **Y2 Together Day**  Parents and carers came into school on Tuesday afternoon to play, pray and learn with the children. Many thanks to everyone who came along; it was lovely to see you all.  **Y3 Trip to Chester**  The children in Y3 went to Chester on Wednesday. After a wet morning they were very lucky when the rain stopped for the tour of the City. Many thanks to everyone who came along and apologies that so many of you wished to join the children but were unlucky due to numbers. Many thanks to Miss Sharratt, Mrs Donohue and Mrs Wright who accompanied the children and organised the day so well.  **Children in Need**  The children in the Y5 class have been very busy all week organising events for Children in Need. We have sold various items throughout the week and will let you know next week how much we raised for this worthwhile cause. A photographer from the Widnes World will be coming to school on Monday to take pictures so do look out for us in the paper next week!  **Go-Givers Week**  The children are trying to change the world with their special ‘Go-Givers’ week. The whole week has been dedicated to Citizenship starting with some children taking part in the Clean-Up Cronton Campaign. They joined the ‘Cronton Pathways’ community group to clear Sandy Lane of litter in the pouring rain but it did not dampen their spirits! The whole-school has raised funds for Children Need, by making things and baking cakes, culminating in a special day of face-painting and talent shows. On Tuesday, all classes wore their poppies with pride taking part in a very special assembly and some children attended the Cronton Remembrance Service on Sunday to lay the school poppy wreath. Throughout this ‘Go-Givers’ week all classes have studied themes such as inequality, injustice, discrimination and the importance or respecting each other, celebrating difference and working together. The 7 key Go- Givers messages were:  YR- be fair  Y1 – Listen to others  Y2 Try hard  Y3 – don’t judge people  Y4 Be leaders  Y5 – Teamwork  Y6 Celebrate difference | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Reception Class Hearing Screening**  Mrs Donnelly, the Audiologist will be coming into school on Tuesday 18th November to check the hearing of children in the Reception class. Permission slips were included in the welcome packs given to you all at the first parent meeting with Mrs Evans. These checks will be carried out in school and you will be notified if there are any issues. Parents are not expected to attend.  **Parent Meetings**  Many thanks to everyone who sent their appointment requests into school so promptly. All times have now been sent home. If you have not yet received your time please speak to class teachers.  **Whole School Pantomime**  The whole school will be going to The Brindley in Runcorn on Thursday 18th December to watch Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs. More details will follow nearer to the time.  **Open Night**  We will be holding an open evening on Thursday 20th November for all prospective parents from 6-8pm. All are welcome to come along and meet the staff and view the school.  **Reception Christmas Play**  The children in the Reception class will be performing their Christmas Play on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30am. All are welcome to join us.  **KS1 Christmas Play**  The children in the Y1 and Y2 classes will be performing their Christmas Play on Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December at 4pm. Tickets are not required and all are welcome.  **KS2 Christmas Play**  The children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be performing their Christmas Play on Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December at 4pm. Tickets are not required and all are welcome.  **Y6 Christmas Carol Singing**  As in previous years, the children in the Y6 class will be carol singing to raise funds for CAFOD. This will be taking place on Friday 12th December. Further details will follow nearer to the date.  **Robinwood**  Many thanks to everyone who has now sent payment into school. We would be grateful if any outstanding payments could be sent into school as soon as possible.  **Bikeability**  Bikeability will be taking place for the children in the Y5 class on Wednesday 19th November and Wednesday 26th November. All permissions have now been received from parents. Children are to come dressed in suitable clothing which must cover all arms and legs. They can wear jogging bottoms and school jumpers and coats. All bikes must have 2 working brakes and please ensure that your child brings a helmet. A separate letter giving full details has already been sent home.  **Reception Stay & Play**  All parents/carers are welcome to join us on Friday 21st November from 1pm for Christmas Stay & Play. Mrs Evans will be holding a reading workshop for the first twenty minutes before joining the children in class.  **Reception Trip**  The children in the Reception class will be having a festive walk up Pex Hill and stopping off at Cronton Garden Centre to choose the school Christmas Tree on Friday 28th November at 1pm. The children will be visited by Fr Christmas while they are there. A letter giving further details will follow shortly.  **Football Competition**  On Monday 24th November selected children in the Y3 class will be taking part in a football competition at Prescot Soccer Centre. Letters have already been sent home to the children involved.  **Ecumenical Carol Service**  On Tuesday 16th December the annual Cronton Ecumenical Service will be held in Holy Family Church at 7pm. The evening will begin with the lighting of the village Christmas Tree in the memorial gardens at 6.45pm. All are welcome.  **Christmas Dinner**  All children are welcome to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. A letter will be sent home next week. We would be grateful if you could indicate if your child would like the meal on this date and return to us as soon as possible.  **Morrisons Gardening Vouchers**  Many thanks for the vouchers that have already been sent into school. We believe that this is now the final week and would be grateful if you would please send any vouchers held at home into school as soon as possible. We will let you know how many we collected and what we are hoping to ‘purchase’ over the next few weeks. |

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| **Holidays in School Term**  On 1st September 2013, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. The amendments specify that headteachers **may not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is considered under ‘exceptional circumstances’.  The Governing Body have agreed to support this process and have asked that all letters asking for permission and detailing reasons why such a request has been made be brought to a small committee so a decision can be made.  In order to support this process, we would ask that parents/carers give **at least 1 term’s notice** so this request can be put to Governors.  Parents/Carers will receive a letter notifying them of the decision made. |

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| **Polite Reminder** |
| **Dogs on the School Playground**  We would be grateful if you could please ensure that all dogs are kept under adult supervision at all times when on the school playground.  **Notification for school collection**  We would be grateful if you could please notify us before lunchtime if another parent/carer will be collecting your child. We are inundated with calls in the afternoon and it is becoming more of an issue getting messages to teachers without interrupting teaching time. Many thanks for your co-operation.  **Earrings**  This is just a reminder that earrings should not be worn during the school day please. This is a health and safety issue especially during play times and PE lessons. |

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| **Spotlight on Y5**  This week we have been very busy arranging lots of activities for Children in Need. We sold Pudsey Bears, cakes and have been busy painting spots on everyone today!  As part of our Go-Givers topic we were given the motto “when we pull together, things go together” and to show this on Wednesday we took part in a gutter challenge. We were organised into 3 teams and had to see if we could work together to see which team could collect the most water from the challenge. We won because we worked well together, we didn’t shout out if the water leaked, we stayed still and we had one person at the end to collect the water.  In numeracy we were looking at angles, acute and obtuse. Acute is if the angle is less than 90 degrees and obtuse is if the angle is more than 90 degrees. We measure the angles with protractors.  Many thanks to Daisy and Eleanor |

**After School Clubs**

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|  | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Weds** | **Thurs** | **Fri** |
| **Y1** |  | **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y2** |  | **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y3** |  | **Gardening Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm  **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y4** |  | **Gardening Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y5** | Rugby until 4.15pm | **Gardening Club** until 4pm  **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Netball Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** Ends at 4pm |  |
| **Y6** | **Rugby** Until  4.15pm | **Gardening Club** until 4pm  **Cookery Club** until 4.15pm  **Netball Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm |  |

A £1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **November** | |
| Monday 17th | Parent Meetings |
| Wednesday 19th | Y5 Bikeability |
| Thursday 20th | Open Evening from 6-8pm |
| Friday 21st | Reception Class Stay & Play @ 1pm |
| Monday 24th | Y3 Football |
| Wednesday 26th | Y5 Bikeability |
| Friday 28th | Reception Trip to Pex Hill @ 1pm |
| **December** | |
| Wednesday 3rd | Reception Class Play @ 9.30am |
| Wednesday 3rd | PTFA Christmas Disco – Whole School from 4-5.30pm |
| Monday 8th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Tuesday 9th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Wednesday 10th | Year 3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Thursday 11th | Year 3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Play @ 4pm |
| Friday 12th | Year 6 Carol Singing |
| Tuesday 16th | Village Ecumenical Service in Church @ 7pm |
| Wednesday 17th | Whole School Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 18th | Whole School Panto @ The Brindley |
| **May 2015** | |
| Saturday 9th | Holy Communion & Confirmation @ 10am & 12pm |

**And finally…**

**A positive thought for the week to promote discussion in the classroom and at home…**

Others look at what **I say and the way I say it** to decide what they think about me.

I am mindful of **what I say and how I say it**.

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Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

