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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 13th January 2017**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**



[](https://www.yourschoolgames.com/)

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| Come and See  http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpg |
| The children celebrated the feast of The Epiphany in Assembly which helped them to reflect on Jesus as The Light of the World, God’s gift to us all. |

**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.

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| **Attendance for week ending 6th January 2017** | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 97.5% | 4 |
| 1\*\* | 99.2% - Class of the Week | 4 |
| 2 | 96.4% | 2 |
| 3 | 98.3% | 4 |
| 4 | 97.6% | 3 |
| 5 | 94.2% - Below National Average | 1 |
| 6 | 96.4% | 1 |
| **Whole School: 97.1%**  **National average is 96.3%**  **Well done Y1 Class, you are our class of the week Well done** | | |

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| **Golden Table**  **golden table.jpg** | |
| **Year Group** | |
| Reception | Mason  Leo  Sophia  Molly |
| Year 1 | Violet  Aimee  Lily  Rosabella |
| Year 2 | Joe  Emma  Gracie  Elliot |
| Year 3 | Zach  Ella  James  Nathan |
| Year 4 | Cole  Erin  Alexander  Joel |
| Year 5 | Ralfie  Jasmine  Frankie  Maisy |
| Year 6 | Christopher  Isobella  Lauren  Ava |
| Well done to the children involved. | |

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| **What’s happened this week** |
| Y**5/Y6 Girls Footballfootball.jpg**  The Y5 & Y6 girls took part in the School Games qualifier on Wednesday afternoon. The girls were fantastic and worked hard as a team.They got through to the semi finals. They drew four games and lost one. Mr Walker, Mr Turpin and Miss Hindley are very proud of you all and really pleased with the way that you all played. Well done☺.  **Google Expedition**  The children had a fantastic day today with Google virtual reality. The children wore virtual reality headsets and were treated to visits to the moon, undersea and Egypt. I’m sure the children will have enjoyed the day and we would like to thank Mrs Quigley for organising this fabulous activity. |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Primary Admissions**  This is a reminder that the closing date for applications to primary school for September 2017 is Sunday 15th January 2017. Please also ensure that you have completed a Supplementary form. If you cannot find the Supplementary form on the website please call into the school office for one.  **Punctuality**  We have received a few calls regarding the recent information sent home to inform you of your child’s punctuality. We would like to remind you all that the bell is rung at 8.55am each morning. If Mrs Evans, Mrs Hannah or any teachers are at the gate and you pass them and the bell has been rung unfortunately your child will receive a late mark. Some children are entering class when the bell has been rung by knocking on classroom doors. Teachers are letting the child into class but unfortunately the child is still late and will receive a late mark. Children who enter via the front door will also receive a late mark. We just wanted to clarify the rules with regard to this and hope that this will explain any discrepancies in future. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.  **Party Mealparty meal.jpg**  As part of a promotion for children to try a school meal Knowsley Council are offering a party day on Thursday 19th January. All completed forms should now have been returned to the school office. Please note that if your child already receives a school meal it has been assumed that he/she will be receiving one on Thursday.  **Y6 Rejoice & Together Dayrejoice together.jpg**  As some of the children in Y6 have been invited to take part in a football competition on Friday 20th January and we would not want to deprive them from taking part we have taken the decision to postpone the Rejoice and Together Day. A new date will be set as soon as possible and we will notify you in due course. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.  **Play in a Day**  On Tuesday 17th January the Y6 class will be taking part in a Play in a Day. Parents are welcome to come along at 2.45pm and see what the children have been working on during the day.  **Robinwood**  The children in Y5 will be visiting Robinwood in Todmorden next Wednesday 18th January 2017 – Friday 20th January. I’m sure the children will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.  **Reception Multi-Skills**  Selected children in the Reception Class will be taking part in a fun multi-skills afternoon on Wednesday 18th January. A separate letter has already been sent home to the children involved.  **Y3 Rejoicerejoice together.jpg**  The children in the Y3 class will be holding their Rejoice and Together day on Wednesday 1st February. Parents are invited into school from 1.45pm.  **Chinese New Year**  Children in the Reception Class will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Friday 27th January. We will let you know further information when known.  **DEARDEAR.png**  We will be continuing with our DEAR (drop everything and read) on Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please do come along with the children and their favourite book to read in the classrooms.  **Sacramental Preparation**  The first meeting for children in Y4 will be held on Monday 6th February at 6.30pm in Holy Family Social Club. We do hope that you will be able to come along to this important meeting. Unfortunately the letter stated that the second group would be making their First Confession on 27th March. This was a typing error by Fr Michael and the date should have read as Tuesday 7th March. We apologise for any inconvenience.  **Widnes Vikings InitiativeRugby ball.jpg**  As part of our partnership with Widnes Vikings we will be taking part in a Game Changer programme over the next 12 weeks for children in Y2, Y3 and Y4. Children in Y2 & Y3 have already been assessed for fitness levels and the children in Y4 will be assessed on Monday morning. On Monday January 16th the children will take part in a Game Changer PE lesson led by one of the Viking coaches. This will continue on a weekly basis until half term. As part of this programme they will also be holding a breakfast club for those three classes and their siblings which will start at 8am. As this is an extracurricular club the cost of this activity will be £1.00 per session which will include a healthy breakfast. A separate letter has already been sent home.  **School Nurse**  The school nurse will be coming into school on Wednesday 22nd February from 9am – 10am. If any parent/carer would like to meet with her please let the school office know so that we can notify you should any changes to the date or time occur.  **Y5/Y6 Basketball**  Selected children from Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a basketball competition on Monday 30th January from 12.30pm. A separate letter giving full details has been sent home.  **Storytelling Week**  On Thursday 2nd February we will be celebrating the Annual Storytelling week in KS1 and children are invited to a bedtime event starting at 6pm until 7pm. Children can come back to school in their PJ’s to have a bedtime story read to them by Mrs Bird. We would love to see you all. Further information will be sent home shortly.  **Y6 Trip**  On Wednesday 8th February the Y6 class will be going to Rathbones. This will be linked to the Enabling Enterprise topic. Further information will be sent home shortly.  **Poetry Competition**  On Monday 20th February Paul Delaney will be coming into school to work with the children in the Y5 and Y6 classes. The children will be entering a competition. Further information will follow shortly.  **Kingswood**  The children in Y6 will be visiting Kingswood Colomendy on Wednesday 15th March until Friday 18th March. Medical forms have now been sent home and we would be grateful if these could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible please as they need to be sent to Knowsley Health and Safety department for review before half term. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.  **Junior Chefs**  The Junior Chefs Academy will be coming into school on Thursday 23rd February and Friday 24th February. The children thoroughly enjoy this activity and parents/grandparents will be invited to come along and participate. Further information will be sent home shortly. |

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| **Spotlight on Reception** |
| This week I had the pleasure of going into the Reception Class to see the wonderful work the children were taking part in.  The children were so kind and welcoming, inviting me to a party, making badges and telling me to wear a crown as I was a visitor.  Sam asked me what I would like to eat at the party and showed me the menu (written by himself) and told me that the chicken nuggets and chips were very nice.  He then wrapped up a blanket and told me that these were my clothes for the party. I thanked him and said it was fine as my clothes were at home and I could get changed before the party and he said “but these are your spare ones for when you wet yourself”!  Thank you so much to all the children for making me so welcome and showing me your hard work.  Mrs Glanvill |

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| **Diary Dates**Diary.jpg | |
| **January 2017** | |
| Tuesday 17th | Y6 Play in a Day – Parents invited at 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 18th | Reception fun Multi-Skills |
| Thursday 19th | Party Meal for £1.00 |
| Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th | Y5 Residential to Robinwood |
| Friday 20th | Y6 Football Tournament |
| Tuesday 24th | Greeting Card competition – whole school |
| Wednesday 25th | Y5/Y6 Football |
| Friday 27th | Reception celebrate Chinese New Year |
| Monday 30th | Y5/Y6 Basketball Competition |
| **February** | |
| Wednesday 1st | Y3/Y4 Football |
| Wednesday 1st | Y3 Rejoice & Together Day @ 1.45pm |
| Thursday 2nd | Storytelling week – Bedtime Story KS1 @ 6pm-7pm |
| Monday 6th | Sacramental Preparation @ 6.30pm in H/F Club |
| Wednesday 8th | Y6 trip to Rathbones |
| Friday 10th | Break up for half term @ 3.15pm |
| Monday 20th | Return to school – Bell @ 8.55am |
| Monday 20th | Poetry competition Y5 & Y6 |
| Wednesday 22nd | School nurse drop in from 9am – 10am |
| Thursday 23rd | Junior Chef Academy |
| Friday 24th | Junior Chef Academy |
| Monday 27th | Sacramental Preparation @ 6.30pm in H/F Club |
| **March** | |
| Tuesday 7th | Group 1 First Confession in Church with Parents. |
| Thursday 9th | Group 2 First Confession in Church with Parents. |
| Wednesday 15th –  Friday 17th | Y6 Residential to Kingswood |

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| **ex curricular.jpgAfter School Clubsex curricular.jpg** | | | |
| **Day** | **Activity/Club** | **Year** | **Time** |
| Monday | Vikings Rugby  Tween Yoga  Guitar  Football | Years 5 & 6  Years 3, 4 & 5  Years 5 & 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.00  3.15-4.15 |
| Tuesday | Gardening Club  Netball  Football  Football  Tween Yoga | Years 3 – Y6  Years 5 & 6  Years 3 & 4  Years 5 & 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.20- 4.00  3.20-4.00  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Wednesday | Rise and Shine Dance  Cookery  Multisports | Years 1 – Year 6  Year 2  Years 5 & 6 | 8.30-9.00  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Thursday | Choir  Multi-sports | Years 2 – Year 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 |
| Friday | Rugby  Film club | Years 1 & 2  Years 3 & 4 | 3.15-4.00  3.15-4.15 |

And finally.........

The school value we will be focusing on next week will be

**Patience**

Please speak to your children about the importance

of being Patient with one another.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah