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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 2nd December 2016**

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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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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| Our RE Theme for the next few weeks is the Advent topic Loving. Discuss with your children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. You could find out about some Christian symbols for Advent eg. The Advent Wreath and Calendar. The CAFOD website is available for an Advent Calendar. |

**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 25th November 2016** | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Weeks Won** |
| R\*\* | 99.7% | 4 |
| 1 | 98.2% | 1 |
| 2 | 98.7% | 2 |
| 3 | 97.3% | 3 |
| 4 | 92.6% | 3 |
| 5 | 97% | 1 |
| 6 | 95.2% | 1 |
| **Whole School: 96.9%**  **National average is 96%**  **Well done Reception Class, you are our class of the week for the second week running ☺**  **Well done** | | |

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| [Image result for time to shine](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=time+to+shine+pictures&id=5617E7635E9C7DAE9ACC0A860BBEA206FD876DCF&FORM=IQFRBA) | | |
| **Year Group** | **Star of the Week**  **This is awarded to one child in each class who has been identified as showing our value of Loving.** | **Golden Table** |
| Reception | None awarded as children on trip | Mason  Thomas  Molly  Isabella |
| Year 1 | Olivia | Amari  Violet  Howie  Oscar |
| Year 2 | Lucas | Noah  Louie  Lucas  Iris |
| Year 3 | Matilda | Ciara  Sam  Adam  Grace W |
| Year 4 | Harry | Joshua  Charlie  Connie  Isla |
| Year 5 | Eva | Brian  Olivia  Chloe  Evie M |
| Year 6 | Jonathan | Libbi  Emmie  Joe  Liam S |
| **Mathematician of the Week**  Reception – Trip, Tobi – Y1,  Noah – Y2, Grace W – Y3,  Alexander – Y4, Lucas – Y5,  Mya – Y6 | **Reader of the Week**  Reception – Trip, Howie – Y1,  Elliot – Y2, Frankie – Y3,  Jake – Y4, Brian – Y5, Sadie – Y6 | **Writer of the Week**  Reception – Trip, Lewis – Y1,  Reece – Y2, James – Y3,  Francesca – Y4, Summer – Y5, Harry – Y6 |
| **Well done to all the children involved.** | | |

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| **What’s happened recently?** |
| **Y3 Trip**  The children had a lovely day on Monday when they went to Chester to learn about the Romans. Please read the spotlight section further in the newsletter for the children’s views.  **Vision Screening**  The school nurse came into school on Wednesday and completed vision screening. If any follow up appointments are needed parents/carers will receive a separate letter.  **CLC**  Mr Alan Ellis came into school on Thursday to work with the children in the Y5 class. They are looking at coding for games on Book Creator. They have been making their own characters called Sprite where they can draw or pick a character. They can make backgrounds by drawing it or selecting it. They used IPad’s and Mac books.  **Grandparent party.jpg**  Many thanks to everyone who came along earlier today for the Christmas Party. We hope the children looked after you all and that you had an enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to Miss Sharratt and Mrs Davison for arranging the party so well.  **Advent**  On Monday, Fr Michael came into school to bless our Advent Wreath. The children were really well behaved and at the end of each day they have enjoyed an Advent assembly to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **ParentApps**  We would be grateful if all parents/carers, grandparents etc would sign up to the Holy Family Parentapp. This is the way that we communicate and remind everyone of important events taking place in school. Please encourage all family members to sign up to the App so that you are all aware of the events taking place in school. We have received lots of positive feedback regarding this App.  **Morning Playground**  We would be grateful if parents would please be aware that children should line up each morning when the bell is rung. If children enter the classrooms when the doors have been closed they will be marked as late even if they have been on the school grounds. We are becoming more aware of children playing on the apparatus and school fields and not being ready to enter the classes. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.  **Reception PlayChristmas Play.jpg**  The children in the Reception Class will be performing their Christmas Play on Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am. This will last approximately half an hour and everyone is welcome☺.  **Y5 Robinwood**  The children in Y5 will be going to Robinwood in Todmorden in Lancashire from Wednesday 18th January until Friday 20th January for their residential trip this year. A letter giving full details was sent home this week. Mrs Quigley will be holding a meeting after school on Thursday 8th December at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend to find out lots of information about the trip and the wonderful activities that the children will be taking part in.  **Sky Try Rugby TournamentRugby ball.jpg**  Yr4 children will take part in a Sky Try Rugby League tournament at Widnes Stadium on Wednesday 7th December. The children will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 12pm. A separate letter will be sent home shortly.  **Carol Singing at Widnes Stadiumcarol singers.jpg**  The choir have been invited to sing at Widnes Vikings Golden Generation Christmas Party at the Stadium Café on Wednesday 7th December. The children will be taken by coach at 1.00pm and will return by the end of the school day. A separate letter has now been sent home.  **Christmas Dinner**  The whole school will be enjoying their Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December. A separate letter has already been sent home. Please ensure that any replies are returned to school by Monday at the latest in order for the correct quantities of food to be ordered.  **Levy**  Letters were sent home last week for the annual building contribution to Liverpool Archdiocese. We would be grateful if all monies could be sent into school as soon as possible as this invoice needs to be paid before we finish for Christmas. Many thanks for your support.  **Photographs**  All photograph proofs were sent home earlier this week and the date for the orders to be returned to school is Friday 9th December. All orders will be completed and returned before we finish for Christmas on Wednesday 21st December.  **After School Clubs**  Please note that all after school clubs have now finished for Christmas. This includes any before school clubs. We hope that you have enjoyed them and look forward to them continuing in the New Year. |

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| **Spotlight on Y3**  On Monday we went to Chester to learn about the Romans.  We were told to row the oars to the sound of the drum and the guide told us about the armour, food and what the doctors would use. His name was Lucius.  Soldiers would wear helmets, woollen tunics, shoulder plates and body armour.  Jenny told us that doctors would use herbs and flowers to make potions and medicines.  The favourite food was rat and doormouse which they would eat on bread after taking their brains out, that was disgusting.  We saw Romans in beds and could hear them snoring. They weren’t real but statues.  We then went to see a presentation and saw where an archaeologist had been working. Jenny told us that they would keep stuff in the cellar because it was cold. We also found out that when the soldiers were going to die, and if they wanted to be buried in Rome, their ashes would be put into pots with their pictures on the front.  We went to the Roman Baths and learnt that when they had a bath they would use a big stick with a sponge on the end to wash their bottoms. ☺  We found the skeleton of Lucius and found that he had died of a broken leg. We also found the artefacts room and had the chance to do some digging. I found some soldiers teeth and bones and that was gross.  Mrs Donohue was called Gargantua and Mr Ellison was called Spartacus and they had a pretend fight. Mr Ellison won.  I would give the trip 10/10 and I have only ever been to Chester once but would definately go back again.  Many thanks to Ava and Lucas. |

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| **School Council**  The School Council would like to thank everyone who donated chocolate, biscuits and mince pies for the Halton Food Bank.  This year the Foodbank has a Christmas Appeal so each week we will be collecting an item from their Christmas shopping list.  This week we will be continuing to collect Christmas Puddings as well as any lovely things we all enjoy at Christmas.  These can be left in the box at the front of the school. Thank you for your support.  www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk  IMG_5983 |

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| **PTFA** |
| **Christmas Discos**  The PTFA disco for children in the Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 classes will take place on Tuesday 6th December from  4-5.30pm.  The PTFA disco for children in the Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 classes will take place on Wednesday 7th December from 4-5.30pm.  Tickets for this event will cost £2.50 per person and will be sent home. All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 must be accompanied by an adult as this is a family event. If any siblings from Key Stage 2 would like to attend with younger siblings this will be fine but all must hold a ticket.  It has been decided that children in KS2 do not need to be accompanied as school staff will be in attendance. If you wish to attend, of course you are more than welcome.  Father Christmas will make an appearance and the children will all receive a small gift from him. All tickets will be sent home on Monday.  If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please send money in an envelope marked PTFA Disco with your child’s name on the front and the amount of tickets you would like. |

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **December** | |
| Tuesday 6th | Reception Play 9.15-9.45am |
| Tuesday 6th | PTFA Disco Reception, Y1 & Y2 4pm - 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 7th | Yr4 Sky Try Tournament Widnes Stadium 9.30am -12pm |
| Wednesday 7th | Choir - carol singing at The Golden Generation Christmas Party at Widnes Stadium. |
| Wednesday 7th | PTFA Disco Y3 – Y6 4pm – 5.30pm |
| Thursday 8th | Y5 Meeting re Robinwood @ 3.30pm |
| Friday 9th | Sisters of Mercy @ 1.45pm – Seel Street Project |
| Monday 12th | Y3 – Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Tuesday 13th | Ecumenical Service in Church |
| Tuesday 13th | Y3-Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Wednesday 14th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Thursday 15th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm – 5pm |
| Thursday 15th | Whole school Christmas lunch |
| Friday 16th | Y6 Carol Singing Asda and Widnes Stadium Dementia Café 2.30pm-3.00pm |
| Monday 19th | Whole School Pantomime @ The Brindley |
| Wednesday 21st | Break Up @ 2pm |
| **January 2017** | |
| Tuesday 3rd | Return to school – Bell at 8.55am |

**And finally…**

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

Forgiveness

Speak to your children about the importance

of forgiving one another.

[](https://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://www.metaphysics-knowledge.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Forgiveness.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.metaphysics-knowledge.com/miscellaneous/when-you-forgive-you-receive-life.html/&docid=yazF1OblBLLvLM&tbnid=O0ujE6DOUQNolM:&vet=1&w=700&h=424&safe=active&bih=883&biw=1280&ved=0ahUKEwiOuZf7kMvQAhUpBcAKHXpJAEIQMwiQAShTMFM&iact=mrc&uact=8)

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Hannah