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Weekly Newsletter

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Following in Jesus' footsteps...

We pray together

We play together

We learn together




It's Time to Shine


Year Group	Achievement Certificates	Dojos Certificate
Reception		
Year 1	Olivia Crowley Jack Mather Evie Musgrave	Isla Swift
Year 2	Oliver Ewan Finlay Ogburn-Lupton	Thomas Wilson
Year 3	Ethan McDonnell Jessica Need Mya Reid	Nieve Mascord
Year 4	Flynn Carney Jessica Smith Jack Tierney	Sam Fay
Year 5	Holly Crowley Jessica Patrick Aiden Turtle	Tom Evans
Year 6	Sasha Coughlin Poppy McDonnell Daniel Whitfield	Grace Riley

Come and See



Our RE focus

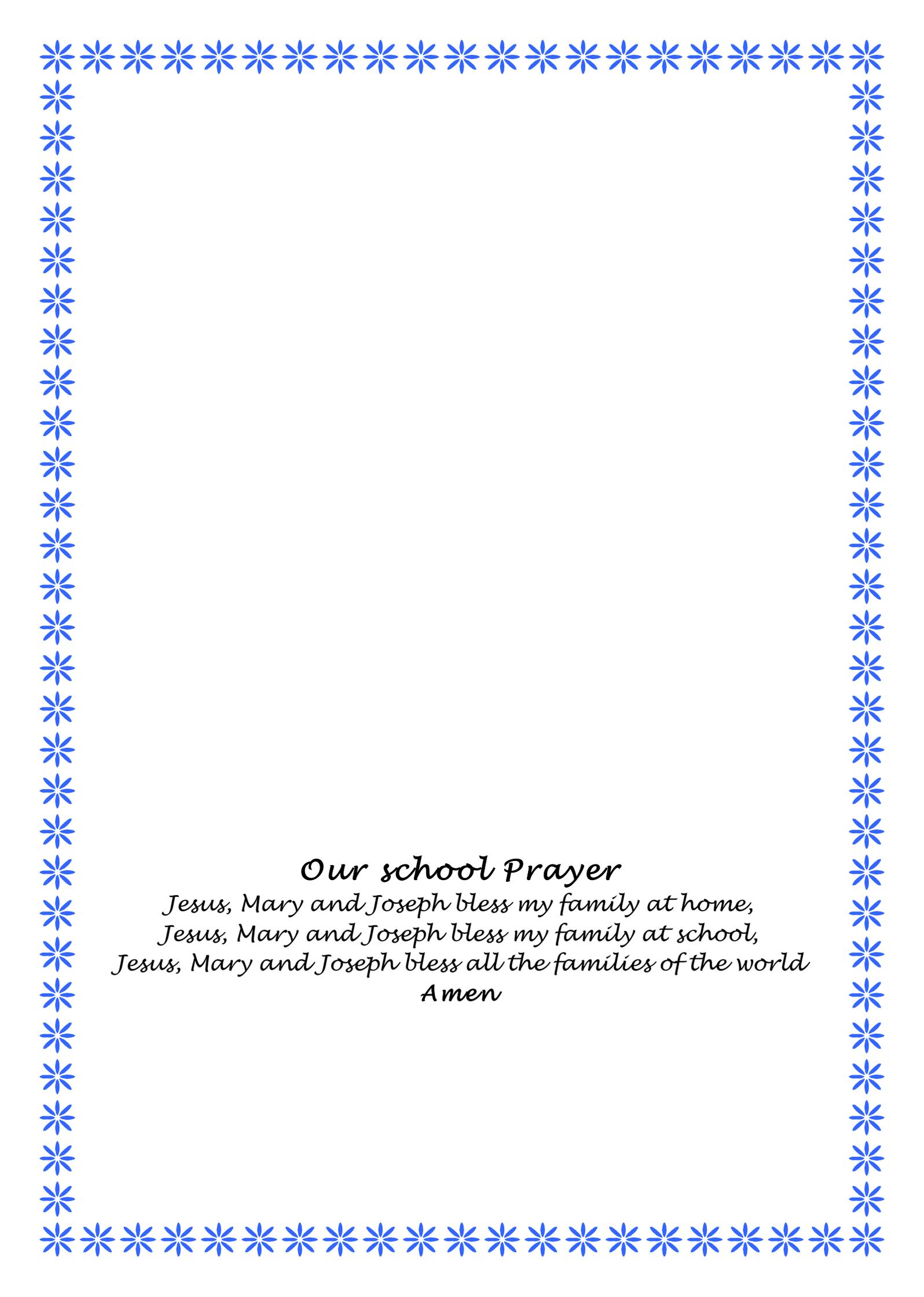
Over the next four weeks the theme in *Come and See* will be Advent/ Christmas - Loving.

Each class will explore this at their own level. Below is a list of topics that each year group will be covering.

Rec Birthday - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Yr2 preparation 5- Advent preparing to celebrate Christmas

Yn3 Visitors - Visitors- waiting for the coming of Jesus



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*

What's happened this week?

Bullybusters

We had a visit from Bullybusters on Wednesday this week, which gave all children the opportunity to review their understanding of bullying. A parent workshop is to be organised in the new year.

Morrison's Vouchers

Many thanks for all the donations of vouchers. We had a full count earlier in the week and managed to raise 5118 vouchers. Thank you so much for this tremendous response. We have now sent them all off along with our order for different tools and accessories for the gardening club.

Reception News

Reception class started their Christmas preparations last week by having their annual Christmas Stay and Play which was well attended by both parents and grandparents. Today they went for a walk to Cronton Garden centre to choose the school Christmas tree. On the way they stopped at the Wishing tree and tied their star wishes to it. At the Garden Centre they met Fr Christmas who gave them all a gift.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday when the children will be performing their Christmas Nativity play What a Star!

Y6 Height & Weight Checks

The school nurse came into school on Tuesday to carry out height and weight checks on the children in Y6. If any follow up is needed, the nurse will be in touch individually via the school.

Holidays in School Term

On 1st September, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. This change was discussed at our Full Governor Meeting on Wednesday 9th October.

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.

What's coming up soon?

Y2 Grandparent Party

All grandparents of children in Y2 are invited to a party on Wednesday 18th December from 1pm. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us!

Christmas Plays

Dates for this year's Christmas Plays have now been set. Dates are as follows:-

Reception Class - Wednesday 4th December - 9.30 am

Y1 & Y2 - Monday 9th December - 4pm

Y1 & Y2 - Tuesday 10th December - 4pm

Y3, Y4 & Y5 - Wednesday 11th December - 4pm

Y3, Y4 & Y5 - Thursday 12th December - 4pm

Y6 - Fundraising day Friday 13th December.

Further information regarding these will be given nearer to the time, but I am aware that dates and times are important for you all with regard to working arrangements.

Pantomime

We have booked for the children to go to The Brindley in Runcorn to see this year's performance of 'Beauty & The Beast'. The infant classes will be going on Tuesday 17th December and the Junior classes on Wednesday 18th December. A separate letter has been sent home. Please call into the school office if you have not received one.

Whole School Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to share this special meal on Thursday 19th December. A separate letter has already been sent home. If you have not yet replied please let us know as soon as possible. The kitchen need to place the order the food before 4th December.

Unfortunately children will need to bring in a packed lunch if we have not been informed before Wednesday 4th December.

A few polite reminders...

Money

We would be grateful if any money could be given into school via your child. **No money should be handed into the school office directly as this is not following LA procedures.** Each class has a book for any money received to be noted in. This is again for audit purposes. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Girls' Long Hair

We have noticed that more and more girls are wearing their long hair loosely. We would appreciate it if it could be tied back please. This is a health and safety issue especially during PE and games lessons.

Earrings

Just a polite reminder please that earrings should not now be worn for school. Children will be asked to take them out if they are seen wearing them during school time.

Sickness

We are noticing that children who have been off school due to vomiting and diarrhoea are returning to school the next day. Children should stay at home for 48hrs after this kind of illness.

Information

Christmas Mass Times

This Christmas there will be four Masses across the Pastoral Area, all at 7pm on Christmas Eve. At St John Fisher Church there will be a children's Mass. This will be a special celebration for our young children and their families.

The liturgy will be especially tailored for children to understand and participate in.

The remaining two Masses will be at St Bede's, **Holy Family** and St Michael's with one Pastoral Area midnight Mass at St Bede's

A full programme of Christmas day Masses will be published shortly.

Norovirus advice

Public Health professionals in Knowsley have received a number of reports relating to a viral tummy bug, called Norovirus. This can spread quickly and easily between pupils and staff. The symptoms include diarrhoea and vomiting.

You can help to reduce the impact of this infection by following the advice below:-

- Norovirus is spread by close contact with someone who is being sick or who has diarrhoea. Children and staff displaying the symptoms should keep away from other people as they may pass on the infection. You can remain infectious for up to 48 hours after your last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Thorough handwashing with liquid soap and water should be maintained - especially after using the toilet.
- It is essential that bleach solution is used for environmental cleaning.
- People with viral tummy bugs should not prepare food for others and should stay well away from food preparation areas. This applies for 48 hours after the symptoms have gone away.

For further advice or information, please contact:-

Infection Prevention and Control	0151 292 3519
Public Health England	0844 2251295

Birchfield Christmas Village

On Sunday 8th December from 12pm onwards Birchfield Park Sports Club in Widnes are holding a 'Christmas Village' with grotto, fair rides, bouncy castles, Christmas food, gifts & craft market. There will be a live nativity, character visits, grotto parties and 'beat the goalie'. All are welcome.

P.T.F.A News

Christmas Discos

Many thanks to everyone who supported the PTFA discos this week. We managed to raise a fabulous £440.00. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please note that if you are paying for any PTFA events or activities by cheque, they must be payable to Holy Family PTFA and not to the school. Also, please try to avoid sending these payments in the same envelope as other payments for school such as dinner or trip money. This can delay the payment from getting to us and may result in children missing out on tickets. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Spotlight on...Y3

*In Literacy we have been reading
The Bear & The Hare. We had to describe the
story using alliteration and similes.*

*In Numeracy we have been looking at division
problems using remainders.*

*In Science we have been investigating rocks and
soils and went outdoors to discover them. This
was our favourite bit.*

*Many thanks to Maisie Burrows and
Christopher Bellard.*

Diary Dates

December	
Wednesday 4 th	Reception Class play at 9.30am
Monday 9 th	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Tuesday 10 th	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Wednesday 11 th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Thursday 12 th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Friday 13 th	Y6 Fundraising trip
Tuesday 17 th	Beauty & The Beast - Infant classes
Tuesday 17 th	Ecumenical Village Concert in Holy Family Church @ 7pm
Wednesday 18 th	Beauty & The Beast - Junior classes
Wednesday 18 th	Y2 Grandparent Party
Thursday 19 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th	Break up @ 2pm
January	
Monday 6 th	Return to School @ 8.55 am

After School Clubs

Unfortunately all after school clubs are now cancelled
until W/C 13th January 2014

And finally...

A positive thought for the week, to promote discussion in the classroom and and at home...



I think for myself. I know that in every situation, I have a choice. I know that smart choices are choices that are good for me, that do not hurt anyone including myself.

Keep safe and be happy.

Mrs Hannah

JESUS
Loves Me
This I
know...