



„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **Message from Mrs Procter**



What an exciting day the decorations have gone up and the children all came to school in their pyjamas, there was great excitement! Christmas has officially started and next week we start with our first Nativity play. I cannot believe that we only have two and a half weeks left. We are all looking forward to our annual trip to the Pantomime, please can you ensure that you have logged onto ParentPay and paid for your child as I do not want anyone to miss out- the treats have arrived for the interval so the stock cupboard smells very chocolatey.

As we start the season of Advent, it is time for us to prepare for the birth of Jesus, it would be lovely to see more of our families at Mass over the next few Sundays- just like we did last week. Please try to join us for Mass at 10.00am.

### **Weekly Reflection**

#### **Ethos Statement – I know how to make choices that affect my health.**

God always wants us to choose to be the best person we can be. We make choices every day. Sometimes good ones and other times not so good ones.

This week we reflected on the Bible reading where Jesus tells us to choose to act in the right way. In order to do this we have to follow the two greatest commandments.

1. To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our mind.
2. To love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

If we keep these two rules at the forefront of our minds when faced with making decisions then we will always choose the right path.

The following children have shown they know how to look after themselves:

FJH	Emma Campbell	1DH	Bruno Pietruczuk	2HK	Ted Evans
FJH	Freiya Eccles	1DH	Charlotte Hatton	2HK	Lucas Millington
FBG	Oscar Kneale	1SH	Catharina Fantin Novaes	2HW	Maddison Jenner
FBG	Reuben Simpson	1SH	Leo Harris	2HW	Daniel Platten

3EJ	Erin Loughran	4DJ	Casey Kennedy	5AY	Ronan Madden
3EJ	Sam Brown	4DJ	Caleb Degg	5AY	Asher Gati
3KH	Jacob Keane	4RL	Henry Nicholas	5MJ	Jake Jones
3KH	Luca Smart	4RL	Tommy Davin	5MJ	Izabela Kisiel

6HS	Phoebie Flynn Moran
6HS	Oliver Sherry

6RM	Maddison Metcalf
6RM	Theo Hancock

## Team Points

<b>KS1</b>	Matthew	<b>KS2</b>	Matthew	<b>Overall</b>	Matthew
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## Advent Prayer Bags

Once again, our Faith Leaders have put together Advent Prayer Bags for children in FS1 to Y2 to start taking home. Children can sign up to take the bags home for the evening. The resources will allow you and your child to have some time to talk about the Christmas story and how you can prepare to celebrate this important time in the Church's Year.

We ask that when it is your turn, you make sure everything comes back to school in the bag the following day so that the next person can take them. Missing items and late returns mean that not all children will get chance to have their turn. We appreciate your help with this. We hope you enjoy spending time with your children in this special way.



## Jesse Tree Banner

The wonderful ladies from the parish have been very busy making us a beautiful Jesse Tree banner for the Entrance Hall. We shared it with the children in KS2 in assembly on Monday morning and their response was overwhelming. We thank the ladies for their hard work and for working with us once again. We will let them have a little rest now before we think of a new project for them.

## Parish News

PARISH JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB: Next meeting is 6.45pm on Friday 1st December. Children from Y3-6 are welcome to come along to the parish hall and have some fun.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH: As part of our 'Outreach Ministry' we are once again extending an invitation and warm welcome to anyone who would wish to join us on Christmas Day. If you wish to come along, volunteer to assist or know of anyone who might benefit from a hot meal and some friendship on this Holy Day, please speak to the clergy or contact the parish office. Fr Louis, Fr Humphrey & Deacon Tony

## Brass Lessons and Band Update

Many congratulations to all of our wonderful brass players for everything they have achieved this term, we are so proud of them all!

The final brass lesson and band rehearsal for this term will be on **Monday 4th December** (please note the change of day). We will be recording our Christmas message for you all, so if your child has a Christmas hat or something similar, they may bring them in on Monday to wear for the photoshoot!

The children will have then had their 10 lessons this term and brass lessons will resume in January. Please note that after Christmas lessons will be on **MONDAYS** and brass band will take place during Monday lunchtimes.

Keep an eye out for our festive message on your child's class Seesaw and on the school website. Many thanks,

Miss H. Mackenzie

Brass Teacher

## The Spirit of Christmas Concert Chester Cathedral

Last Friday the choir took part in The Spirit of Christmas Concert at Chester Cathedral as part of their prize for winning the choir competition. The children were outstanding and really peaked at the right time. Many comments from the organisers and Matthew Kelly himself to say they were the best children's choir to perform in their 28 year history. After our walk down the aisle at the end of the concert with the stars of stage and screen, we were taken for photos with all the actors that performed. The children represented our school so brilliantly and to quote Matthew Kelly again 'Can you see why they won?' Well I shouldn't say but 'Yes I can Matthew'. I'm so proud of all the choir and how hard they worked to get to that standard. Thank you to Mr Mckenzie for playing the piano and all the staff who helped and to the parents for all your support and coming out on a cold Friday night. I hope it was worth it.



## Futsal competition

A huge congratulations to the year 5/6 boys who took part in the Futsal competition at Tranmere Rovers FC this Wednesday. They all showed great teamwork, skill and managed a clean sheet with no losses! Well done boys!

## Neurodevelopmental Team Helpline

The Neurodevelopmental team have started a new advice line that parents and carers can contact for advice and support if they have concerns with their children. They can support parents with children on the neurodevelopmental pathway for ASC or ADHD or answer any concerns you have before starting any referrals. They will consult with you over the phone and if needed can set up face to face appointments. This is a well needed service with the referral pathways taking over 18 months to reach paediatricians. The number is **0151 514 0219** If any parents use this service, I would love to hear if it was of any support.

Thanks Mrs Jones



## **Residential trips 2024**

Residential trips next year have been booked for our Year 2 and Year 4 children. We have set the payments on ParentPay in advance to give you the time and flexibility to pay in installments to make this easier. Further details of the residential trips will follow.

If you have any questions or are experiencing any problems please do not hesitate to let school know in case we can be of any help or assistance.

- Year 2 Barnstondale trip Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March- 1 night overnight stay
- Year 4 Burwardsley trip Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- 1 night overnight stay day dependent on registration group.

## **We are recruiting!**

Playzone Before and After School Club are seeking a happy, enthusiastic play worker to join their team! Our numbers have increased since opening our doors to 'Little Acorns' In September. The position is part time/ term time only, consisting of morning and afternoon sessions so flexibility is essential and online training is available. **If your own child/children are over 4 years old, they are also able to join you and enjoy the company!**

For further information, please contact Louise Somers or Cath Ravenscroft at Playzone via email [playznectk@gmail.com](mailto:playznectk@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## **Whole School Pantomime at the Floral Pavilion New Brighton**



This year the whole school will be going to the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton to see this years' fabulous pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The trip will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December during the school day and the cost of the ticket and coach to the venue will be £17.50.

**Payments are made via ParentPay and should be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

## **News from the PFA**

The Elfridges & Co. Gift Room **DATE CHANGE - Now to be held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Letters were handed out last week for Elfridges & Co where pupils can purchase gifts for adult loved ones.

We have had a great response so far!! Keep those Letters coming into the school office. Due to the change of date above we are now able to extend the deadline for receiving forms to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If anyone has misplaced their form please contact the school office for a replacement or head over to the PFA Facebook Page for a new one.

Our **Colouring Competition** will launch Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> with prizes for each year group and Grand Prizes for overall winners in KS1 and KS2.

Competition sheets will be in bags and available as an attachment to the newsletter and on the PFA facebook page.

Our **Christmas Fair** will be held after school Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of unwanted gifts for the tombola and Teddies for the Teddy Tombola can be left under the covered walkway from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. No toy or book donations are required for this event. Our famous bottle stall will be making an appearance at the fair 15<sup>th</sup> and to support this we will be holding a christmassy event to support this.

For both of these events we need parent volunteers to support. If you are able to help us on either or both days please make yourself known to a committee member in person or via the link below.

Elfridges Sale - [volunteersignup.org/AY7AQ](https://volunteersignup.org/AY7AQ)

Christmas Fair - [volunteersignup.org/Q8F7Q](https://volunteersignup.org/Q8F7Q)

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising activities.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	FS1 Christmas production 9:15-10:15
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2 Christmas production 9:15-10:15
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Christmas Concert - Church at 3:30pm- 4:15pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas production 9:15-10:15
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Christmas production 2:15-3:15
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas production 9:15-10:15
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Christmas production 2:15- 3:15
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	**Whole School trip 'Jack and the Beanstalk'
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School reopens