



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

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### Message from Mrs Procter



Well Christmas has definitely arrived at school, this week we have enjoyed our Foundation Stage productions, the children thoroughly enjoyed performing to an audience and were a delight to watch. Tonight we have the choir Christmas concert in Church and then next week we have a packed schedule of concerts and productions as well as Christmas dinner!!

The children can wear their own cloths with a Christmas jumper on Wednesday, we will not be collecting any money for this as our fund raising for this term was our pyjama day. Christmas dinner is a huge event in school the children love their teachers serving them lunch-the crackers are ready, the playlist is compiled and the biscuits are made ready to be iced.

### Weekly Reflection

Advent is a joyful time of preparation and our liturgical colour is now purple.

At the start of the new Liturgical Year, we listened to Jesus' instruction to, "Stay awake, because you do not know the day your master is coming." It is a reminder, that Advent is a time where we prepare our hearts and minds, not just to celebrate Jesus' first coming but also to be ready ourselves for when he comes again. Jesus made a promise that he would come back but we do not know when this is going to be and so we need to be ready in our hearts for that great time. Will Jesus find you ready and behaving as He wants when he returns?



### **Ethos Statement – I can work, rest, play and pray each day.**

The following children have shown they know how to work, rest, play and pray this week:

FJH	The whole of FS2 Fantastic Nativity!	1DH	Lottie Jones	2HK	Alex Turner
FJH		1DH	Megan Mosedale	2HK	Bonnie Young
FBG		1SH	Jacob Rutter	2HW	Jay Evans
FBG		1SH	Luna Williams	2HW	Scarlett Ashcroft

3EJ	Rosie O'Hare	4DJ	Annie Battle	5AY	Olivia Hatton
3EJ	Delilah Frost	4DJ	Jason Frost	5AY	Benjamin Ashton Martin
3KH	Thomas Canavan	4RL	Hugo Pietruczuk	5MJ	Benjamin Platten
3KH	Kiara Wallace	4RL	Harry Gibson	5MJ	Harry Roberts

6HS	Grace Sutton
6HS	Daniel Verlander

6RM	Ruby Ashcroft
6RM	Monty Cairney

## Team Points

<b>KS1</b>	Matthew	<b>KS2</b>	Matthew	<b>Overall</b>	Matthew
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## Jesse Tree

This Advent, we are revisiting stories from the Jesse Tree. It is an old Christian tradition that first started in medieval times. It tells of stories in the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story. It is a lovely tradition that gets its name from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah, says: **"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit."** A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. Jesus was a descendant of King David and Jesus is this new branch. Let us all remember what is important and the real reason for this festive season.

We have added four symbols to our Jesse Tree so far and are looking forward to sharing some more stories together.



## Minnie Vinnies Retreat Day

Our twenty-four Mini Vinnies did us all proud yesterday. They joined together with Mini Vinnies from other local schools to make new friends and think about new ways they can 'turn their concern into action'. They were extremely well behaved and looked after our visitors. Thank you! Everyone had a wonderful day.

## Minnie Vinnies Christmas Cards

Hannah Pannell and her Nanna very kindly made us some beautiful Christmas cards to deliver to the residents of Mendell Court and give to the people that the parish SVP visit. All of the Mini Vinnies signed them and wrote a lovely message to let others know we are thinking of them at this busy time. Thank you especially to Hannah for giving up your time and effort to make the cards for us.

## School Council

A really big thank you to everyone who took part in the Children's Hospital Pyjama appeal last week. We raised a grand total of £269. It really is greatly appreciated.



## Year 3 and 4 Production

All children in Year 3 and Year 4 will need to bring a Christmas jumper in on Monday for their dress rehearsal and concert. They can come in uniform and change into them. Many thanks.

## Parish News

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

## Santa Dash 2023

Lovely picture shared with us this week of Mila, Mia and Christopher taking part in this years Santa Dash. Despite the cold weather and a very early start the children took part and raised money for Alder Hey Hospital. Well done Mila, Mia and Christopher, we hope you have inspired many more to take part in Santa Dash 2024!



## Important-School Spider Update

Please ensure that your School Spider app is updated and notifications are enabled. If you have not logged in for a while your username is your first name and last name in lower case. If you are unable to remember your password you can click 'forgotten password' to reset.

It is important that your School Spider app is fully working as going forward we will be sending internal school consent forms this way. We are hoping that this system will make things a little easier as your responses are instant and more importantly you will not need a printer.

The majority of our school communication is via School Spider so please ensure this is up to date to ensure you are not missing out on valuable information regarding your child/children.

## 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 [playzonectk@gmail.com](mailto:playzonectk@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## 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** launched on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> with prizes for each year group and Grand Prizes for overall winners in KS1 and KS2.

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 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas production 9:15-10:15
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Christmas production in Church 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 in Church 2:15- 3:15
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper 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