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### School Mission Statement

*'We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn'*

### November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with news as we are near a very festive and busy time of the year!

#### Move and Groove Fundraiser

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November all the children took part in a dancethon, led by our dance teacher, Mrs Bathgate. Alongside their great moves, they showed resilience and team spirit to keep on going until the end. We thank you for your generous sponsorship, with all the monies going towards our lovely Memorial Garden. So far, from this event alone we have raised just under £1500 which is simply fantastic and a testimony to our generous, warm community – thank you so much. This week, Father Wilfred blessed the garden. It is now officially open to all to enjoy the nature, colours, sights and sounds. We hope it is a place where our community finds comfort, peace and prayer.

#### Year 5 Assembly

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 took us back through the years with a reminder to keep an enquiring mind, during their assembly, 'Is our world always as it seems?' The children made us all proud as they taught us about the Tudors, the Elizabethans and World War II and linked this to how we should stand firmly in our faith in caring and loving those around us. Well done Year 5!

#### Remembrance Liturgy

The school honoured a 2 minute silence at 11am on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, as Year 6 led a moving and reflective liturgy. Their clear voices and the beautiful singing reminded us to be thankful for the sacrifices made by others to allow us to live in peace today. Lest we forget.

### DATES 2022-23

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**5.30pm**

Yrs 4,5,6 Advent Celebration

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2pm**  
Advent Mass

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2pm**  
Carols around the Tree /  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Last Day of Autumn Term

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
Start of Spring Term

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
**2pm**  
Epiphany Mass

## Year 4 Assembly

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4 presented their assembly around our school theme of 'Standing Firm in Faith'. They shone with confidence, courage and enthusiasm as they lifted the roof with their singing! It was a triumph of a performance where the children showcased their speaking talents and all they have learned this year so far. We were all inspired!

## Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we have held our House Meetings with the theme of Anti-Bullying.

The House Captains led them confidently and spent time with their houses discussing what bullying is, the different types of bullying and re-enforced our school mantra of:

- **STOP** – Bullying is: **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose and
- **STOP** – What to do: **S**tart **T**elling **O**ther **P**eople.

We will review this important area again throughout the year to ensure all children across the school understand what they need to do if they or someone they know is being bullied.

Tomorrow, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, we are combining **Odd Socks Day** and **Children in Need**. It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique, whilst also thinking about helping others. We ask for donations of £1 which will be split between Children in Need and our Memorial Garden. We look forward to seeing you all in your odd socks for the occasion!

## Operation Christmas Child

Mrs Cook has recently sent out information regarding two further ways we can give to others this Christmas time. Our traditional 'Operation Christmas Child Shoe box' appeal is back. For more information and instructions, please scan the QR code here. Donations for this appeal are collected earlier than usual and so we ask for all shoe boxes to be sent into school by tomorrow, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



## Old Clothes

If you are considering having a clear-out of any old or unwanted clothes, handbags, bags and shoes, please send these in to BRW by November 28<sup>th</sup>. We have teamed up with the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. For the full list of wanted and unwanted items, please contact the office.

## DATES 2022-23

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm**

Year 1 Christmas Nativity

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm**

Year 2 Christmas Nativity

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.30pm**

Year 3 Christmas Nativity

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

**2.30pm**

FS2 Christmas Nativity

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am**

FS1 Christmas Nativity

**Baby News**

We are very pleased to tell you that Miss Freeman's baby boy arrived safely at the beginning of the month. Congratulations and best wishes to all the family.

**New Staff**

We are also very pleased to welcome two new members of staff. Mrs Lancaster will be joining the Foundation Stage Unit and Miss Newman will be working in Year 5.

**Advent Mass**

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite you to attend our Advent Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm. It is a great chance for us to gather together and find time to reflect before the Christmas break arrives. You are more than welcome to join us for this special celebration.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason  
Head Teacher