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

**19th January 2024**

### **Message from Mrs Procter**



What fun we have had this week with the snow. We all enjoyed (well enjoyed might not be the word) an extra long playtime on Tuesday and had fun throwing snowballs and building snowmen. Who knew that throwing snowballs at Mrs Procter was the greatest thing ever- one of our Y4 children said as he walked past me to line up "It was the best playtime ever!" Fortunately this year I was prepared and had helpers building snowballs for me as I could not build them fast enough.

On Sunday we have our special enrolment Mass for all of our Y3 children who are starting their Sacrament preparation, please keep all of them in your prayers. Mass is at 10.00am the children need to be at church for 9.50am.

### **Residential trips 2024**

This week I have had a few parents enquiring if children can attend the residential but not stay over, unfortunately this is not an option. Any children that do not wish to attend the residential can remain in school as we will have a member of staff to take them whilst their class is away. We try to encourage all children to come away as it is a fantastic experience and one that they remember for many years to come, however I do appreciate that not all children like staying away from home.

Can I remind all parents that deposits are non refundable as once we have confirmed numbers with the centre we have to pay for the place even if the child drops out. We will be confirming number for Y2 Barnstondale on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February and Y4 Burwardsley on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March so deposits will not be refunded from these date.

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.



## Weekly Reflection

### **Ethos Statement – I try to love others as myself.**

This week, Mrs Barker talked to us about Catholic Social Teaching (CST). It is all about how we **see**, **choose** and then **act** to build a better world. It's influenced by the words of the Popes and the example of holy people's lives. It is how we live out what is written in the Bible. At all times we are guided by love. Mrs Barker shared the story of Jesus telling the people that the most important rules are to love God and love our neighbour. If we do this then we are caring for our world and all those that are in it. We already do lots of things in school that we are called to do by CST but over the next few weeks some volunteers from CAFOD will be coming in to teach us more about it too.

The following children have shown they understand the importance of sharing love:

FJH	Leo Thompson	1DH	Isaac Anderson	2HK	Isabella ynch
FJH	Aiden Mok	1DH	Teddy Jones	2HK	Eva Lockwood
FBG	Reuben Simpson	1SH	Thomas McGee	2HW	Teddi Merrick
FBG	Oscar Kneale	1SH	Alexander Brooke	2HW	George Battle

3EJ	Paddy Mealor	4DJ	Chloe Davies	5AY	Ruby Byrne
3EJ	Alice Taylor	4DJ	Grace Trevor	5AY	Harry McCrary
3KH	Bobby-Maxwell Hulse	4RL	Freddie McCulla	5MJ	Anthony Mousa
3KH	Maximus McCrary	4RL	Emily Manford	5MJ	Lucas Hughes

6HS	Philip Kawka
6HS	Laila Zebila
6RM	Harry Copeland
6RM	Henry Scanlan

## Team Points

<b>KS1</b>	Matthew	<b>KS2</b>	Matthew	<b>Overall</b>	Matthew
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## Year 3 Mass of Enrolment

Please be at Mass by 9:50 on Sunday for our **Mass of Enrolment**. Please make every effort to attend as children will be given their crosses this weekend. If readers could go to the front and see Miss Jones on their arrival that would be great.

## Wirral Festival of Music

The choir will be defending their title on Saturday 16th March. Details will be sent nearer to the date. Please if your child has left choir and has been given a choir shirt, can you return it to school ASAP. Thank you.

## Numberday

On Tuesday 13th February, we will be holding Numberday - a day when we celebrate maths. Children are invited to wear an outfit that celebrates numbers/maths e.g. a football shirt with a number on, birthday badge, a top with a date or year on it. If they would like to design their own number-related top then that is great too!

## FS2 Trip to Imagine That!

We will be going to an interactive museum on Wednesday 20th March 2024. The trip will include a minimum of three science workshops. The trip will provide lots of hands on opportunities for us to explore and learn about science. They have introduced some exciting new workshops including exploring the properties of solids and gases in an amazing visual experience.



If that is not enough, we then get to explore all of the different areas:

imagination village, creation area (we get to paint on cars!) and science investigation area (where we stand inside a giant bubble!).

**The cost of the trip is £18.50 which must be paid via ParentPay before 13th March.** Your child must wear their school jumper or cardigan but can have their own t-shirt and bottoms. A packed lunch from the school canteen will be provided for the trip and the children with allergies will be catered for. We will leave and return within school hours so drop off and pick up times will remain the same as a normal school day. This trip was fantastic last time we went and we are really looking forward to taking the children.

## Year 1 visit to Hayrack Church Farm

As part of our spring Science topic and instructions in English next term, Year 1 will be visiting Hayrack Church Farm on Friday 19th April. Children will get an interactive session for a hands on experience to meet spring baby animals, entry to an indoor soft play room, adventure playgrounds, bag of food to feed an animal of choice, make a bird feeder and paint a ceramic pot. Lunch will be provided by school. The cost of the trip, including coach will be £16 pounds and paid via ParentPay.

## Year 3 Swimming

Well done to all of our Year 3 children who have been swimming for the last two weeks. They have all done really well and the staff have commented on their good behaviour. No need to worry when you go in Year 4 now as you are all experts!

## Year 3 Stone Age Workshop

Just a reminder that it is our Stone Age workshop on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Children should come to school at normal time in their school uniform (there will be no PE on this day). Many thanks.

## Year 4 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

On Friday 8th March, Year 4 will be taking a trip to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to watch a concert to celebrate the Olympics in Paris this coming summer. We have booked tickets for this day at 10:30am. We will be travelling there and back by coach and leaving school at 9:15am and returning in the middle of lunchtime. We ask that all children bring a packed lunch on this day; unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, where a sandwich option will be provided. We will eat once back at school.

The tickets cost £12.50 per child and this will now be live on ParentPay.

## Parent Pay

Can we ask parents/guardians to clear their lunch balance on ParentPay. If your child is in Year 3-6 and having a school lunch payment should be made **prior** to requesting a lunch in school. If you are experiencing any problems, please do not hesitate to contact school.

## Caritas Parent Nurturing Groups 2024

Caritas parent nurturing groups will continue next Thursday in the Junior Hall 9-10am with Lisa. These sessions are open to everyone and anyone so please feel free to come along. They are aimed at giving you some practical tips for supporting your child at home when they may be upset and dysregulated. Not the change of date and venue. **Thursdays** at 9am in the junior hall, please enter via the school office.

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

## News from the PFA

### Official Notice of AGM

We will be holding our AGM Thursday 15th February 2024 at 6:30pm in the Church hall. Details of the meeting and nomination forms for committee roles are attached to this newsletter. We hope to give an insight into the specifics of each role over the next few weeks. If you are interested in a formal or informal role. All the current committee members will be more than happy to chat with you about what each role entails. It would be wonderful to see some new faces and some old ones too.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th January	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Tuesday 13th February	Numbersday
Friday 16th February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 26th February	School- reopens
Friday 8th March	Year 4 trip to Royal Liverpool Philharmonic
Wednesday 20th March	FS2 Trip to Imagine That
Monday 25th March	Year 2 Residential Trip
Friday 19th April	Year1 visit to Hayrack Church Farm