



Loving minds ♥ Hearts ♥ Hands

Weekly Newsletter



Christmas Jumper Day



Next Friday, the school will be having a Christmas Jumper day or children can wear festive red and green clothes. To do this, children will need to bring in items for our 'Early Essentials' appeal or bring in a donation of £1. Early Essentials is a non-profit Christian organisation and their goal is to give as many women as possible with a newborn baby, a helping hand. Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated items.

Advent Reflections



This week, Year 4 and Year 3 held Advent reflections to help everyone focus on the true meaning of Christmas and how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Advent reflections and made it even more special for the children. Please come and join us next week for Year 5 (Tuesday) and Year 6 (Thursday) reflections. All Advent reflections start at 2:45pm.

Friday 6th December 2019

Dates for the Diary

Monday 9th December
GIFT Gospel Assembly
Tuesday 10th December
Y5 Advent Reflection
Thursday 12th December
Y6 Advent reflection

Winning classes

Attendance Punctuality
Y1 & Yr 5 Yr 1
Lunchtime Waste
Year 6

This week's ACE awards

	A	C	E
N	Charlotte	Emery	Ciaran
R	Zayn	Amir	Rueben
Y	Isaiah	Melissa	Kylo
1			
Y	Charlotte	JJ	Robyn
2			
Y	Lucas	Angel	Monae
3			
Y	Sapphire & Derrick	Jacob	Marli
4			
Y	Lukas	Eva	Mia
5			
Y	Unzailah	Misumi	Grace L
6			



A = Achievement
C = Commitment
E = Effort



For Year 2 - Year 6, remember to do your Times Tables Rockstars each week.

Gospel Assembly



The GIFT team led a beautiful Gospel assembly on Monday morning and focused on the beginning of Advent and shared with everyone, how we can get ready for Jesus. It was lovely to see everyone dressed in purple to represent the beginning of Advent.

Carol Concert



Children from KS2 represented the school in the Loreto Cluster Carol concert at St. Johns on Wednesday. They were all amazing! The children sung beautifully and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the staff and parents for their support.

Up-Cycling



Year 4 had fun, up-cycling t-shirts as part of their current topic - fashion. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children in their design making. We look forward to seeing the finished designs in the fashion show.

A group of children from St. Ambrose joined a group from St. Josephs primary school and enjoyed a trip to Stable Lives on Wednesday. They children had a memorable day of activities which included riding a horse.



This Weeks Winning House Southworth



Attendance and Punctuality Matters

% Attendance	Days in School	Lost Days
100% Attendance	190 days	0 days
95% Attendance	180 days	2 weeks/ 10 days
90% Attendance	170 days	4 weeks/ 20 days
85% Attendance	160 days	6 weeks/ 30 days
80% Attendance	150 days	8 weeks / 40 days
75% Attendance	40 days	10 weeks/ 50 days

If your child has 90% attendance every year in their time at primary school, they will miss nearly a year of school!

School starts at 8:45. Don't be late!

5 mins late everyday
3 days missed

10 mins late everyday
6.5 days missed

15 mins late everyday
10 days missed

20 mins late everyday
13 days missed

30 mins late everyday
19 days missed

Attendance is vital to ensuring that the children achieve their potential in their learning. We love seeing the children in school every day (especially over the next 2 weeks where the children will really enjoy the Christmas activities).

If a child's absence is below 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee from school and that means the family are at risk of being fined.

Punctuality is extremely important to a child's development in school. Not only does it ensure that they are able to settle into their learning quickly and not miss any support from the teachers and teaching assistants, it enables them to develop good habits as they grow up. Please ensure that your child is in school at 8:45am so that your child can have the best possible start to the school day.

Advent Calendar of Events

Only two weeks to go until the end of the term. We look forward to as many parents as possible attending the activities, reflections, assemblies and performances in the next fortnight.

Monday 9 th December	GIFT team Gospel Assembly - 2:45am
Tuesday 10 th December	Y5 Advent reflection - 2:45pm
Thursday 12 th December	Y6 Advent reflection - 2:45pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas jumper day
Monday 16 th December	GIFT team - Gospel Assembly - 9am, Hidden Gem - School Choir Christmas Pantomime - whole School - 1:45pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Party afternoon, Christmas hat competition day
Wednesday 18 th December	9:30am EYFS/KS1 Nativity , 2pm - KS2 Choir concert
Thursday 19 th December	Whole school Mass - 9:30am, Carols Around the Crib - 10:30am 1:30pm - school finishes

Children's Challenge Section

Reading Challenge

- Whose Advent reflections are next week?
- How many school days do you miss if you have 85% attendance?
- What can you bring in on Christmas jumper day?

Maths Challenge

CHRISTMAS TREE ADDING CHALLENGE 3

Each number is the total of the two numbers below it.

Christmas Word Search

G N E N A C Y D N A C M
I U Y P C C A R O L S B
F D N W V F A C Y A H D
T N K O A N U O L T G W
S S R V R N Y F L N I S
S E T E R T I P O A E H
Y T T O E E H K J S L A
H S N Y C D D P U Z S X
O N A E L K N N O Q M C
L E U M M I I I C L R O
I E S L T A M N E K E O
D R K E F S N A G R J K
A G N S L M I R F D V I
Y T X N M C K R O S G E
O L Y I O L Z B H A Z S
E E R T G V S R H C Q K

TREE
HOLIDAY
GIFTS
STOCKING
SANTA
SLEIGH
REINDEER
JOLLY
CAROLS
COOKIES
RED
GREEN
CHRISTMAS
NORTH POLE
TINSEL
FAMILY
ORNAMENTS
CANDY CANE

