

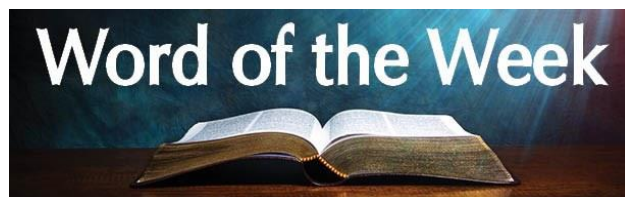


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Growing in love, in the spirit of Christ, for the benefit of all'

9/12/22

Word Of The Week



This week, the children have been learning about the importance of 'Peace'. Next week, the children will be focusing on 'Joy'. This is all linked to the Advent wreath and preparing for Christmas, each class has their own Advent wreath to help them during this special time.



Commendation

Congratulations go to the following children for their achievements this week in school:

Foundation 1: Ezra

Foundation 2: Scarlett P

Year 1: Ivy Bow H

Year 2: Holly F

Year 3: Martynas S

Year 4: Lyra O

Year 5: Ryan B

Year 6: Alfie-Junior H

Mrs Broad's Special Mention: Jack W for bravery and being a superb role model in our Chaplaincy team

Mrs Bracegirdle's Special Mention: Oscar P for fantastic work in ELSA

Mr Fox's Sports Stars: Harry W and Luna

Midday Superstar are Frankie and Neve

Arbor Reminders

Year 1 and 2 Nativity trip to Perlethorpe

Monday 12th December final reminder (Christmas craft and Nativity walk) please consent on Arbor (£13). Children are to wear warm, comfortable non-uniform clothing with wellies or old shoes (likely to get muddy). Must have hat and gloves and a packed lunch. Will return for normal school time.

Final reminder for Panto tickets- £13 each including transport and ice-cream.

All residentials continue to remain on Arbor to allow for installments as and when suits to support with payments.

Christmas Activities

12th December- Year 1 and 2 to visit Perlethorpe Living Nativity (non-uniform warm clothing, wellies/ boots and layers, hat and gloves with a packed lunch).

13th December- Key Stage 2 Carol Service at church at 2pm (rest of school will attend to join in the service). All parents welcome to attend, children may be collected from church at 2.45pm or will return to school for normal time.

14th December- Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm (3 tickets per child per performance to be allocated free of charge). Children to come in easy to change tracksuit, they may be collected after afternoon Nativity but must return to school for 5pm to change for evening performance.

15th December- DJ Gaz Christmas Disco 5.45-6.45 F1, F2, Y1, Y2. 7-8pm Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (£1.50 ticket charge cash please in envelope to school office).

15th December- Christmas Dinner day for whole school- Christmas hats/ accessories welcome.

16th December- EYFS Nativity 10am (children to come to school as normal in easy to change tracksuit).

19th December- Whole school trip to Pantomime, return for 5.30 approximately (Christmas jumpers can be worn with Christmas accessories over uniform). Tickets still available for anyone wanting to join.

20th December- Christingle Service in school 2pm (instructions attached- children to make a Christingle, candle will be provided by school).

21st December- Party Day for all classes- party clothes/ Christmas jumpers.



Christingle Instructions.

As part of our Advent preparations we will be holding a 'Christingle' Service on Tuesday 20th December from 2 p.m. Parents and family members are welcome to join us for what is always an enjoyable and reflective service.

Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747 but it wasn't introduced in England until 1968.

Christingles are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of something.

- The **orange** represents the world.
- The **candle** reminds Christians of Jesus who is the light of the world.
- The **red ribbon** goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died for us.

- The **four cocktail sticks** could have either of two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.
- The **sweets** (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

Children are invited to make their own Christingle at home with their families and bring it to school on Tuesday 20th to be included in the service. Instructions on how to make a Christingle are printed overleaf- **School will provide the Christingle candles this year, please just leave a tealight gap at the top of the Christingle for a battery operated tealight candle.**

You will need:

- 1 orange
- Enough red ribbon to go round an orange with a small overlap
- 4 cocktail sticks
- a few sweets or some dried fruit such as raisins or sultanas

What you do:

1. Carefully slice off the bottom of the orange so it stands flat and will not roll away. (ask an adult for help)
2. Put about 3 sweets or dried fruit onto the cocktail sticks.
3. Push the cocktail sticks into the orange in four different directions slightly above the fattest part of the orange and pointing slightly upwards.
4. Carefully create a small circle indentation on the top of the orange suitable for a tealight (to be provided).
5. Tie the ribbon round the orange and fasten with a bow, or just overlap the two ends, and secure with a pin to keep it in place.





First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass

This Saturday (10th) our new group of children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be officially enrolled onto the programme during the Parish Mass at 5pm. We wish Hannah, Rebecca, Violet, Martynas, Michael-Thomas, Jaxson, Lily, Oliwia and Nicole the best of luck and blessings as they continue on this very special journey.

Achievements outside of school:

Well done to Lily N for achieving an award at her gymnastics . Well done also goes to Oliver H for winning the trophy for Judoka of the week for his effort in class, nominated by other parents.






Christmas Mass Times.

Catholic Community of New Ollerton, Newark and Southwell
Christmas Masses 2022

Christmas Eve:	4.00pm	Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	St Joseph's
	11.30pm	Holy Trinity
Christmas Day:	9.00am	Our Lady of Victories
	11.00am	Holy Trinity

Carols preceding each Mass



Contact Us

If you have any questions about anything relating to this Newsletter or the day to day running of the school, please see Mrs Wilkins-Campbell or Mrs Broad on the playground, or use the following details:

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