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Dear Parents/Carers,

Use the gifts we have
been given by Our
Lord!

Thought of the Week

We've had a great start to the new year as the children have been working their socks off. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your thoughtful Christmas gifts.

Feast of the Epiphany

To celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we all went to church and completed a variety of activities in school. The children made beautiful crowns, which they wore all day. This year, we are spreading the message of God's love by being kind.



English

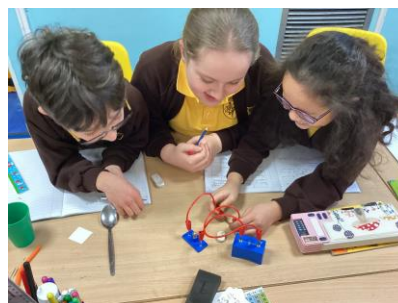
This week, all classes have been reciting poems and performing them to their friends.



Here are Year 2 performing the poem 'Ten things in a Wizard's pocket' and Year 3 performing 'Fog by Carl Sandburg'.

Science

In Science, Year 4 have been testing different types of materials to see if they are conductors or insulators.



Year 1 are learning about seasonal changes. They went on a wonderful walk to look for signs of winter.



RE

In our other faiths topic, the Year 6 class have been learning about the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, by sampling some of the symbolic foods. The children are dipping apples in honey to symbolise hope for a sweet new year!



Art

Linked to the Year 5 science topic Earth and Space, the children have been creating chalk pictures of the moon.



Times Tables Rock Stars for Years 1 to 6 Children.

I just wanted to remind all parents about our fabulous, interactive homework programme. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star, you need to answer any multiplication facts up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds.

The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!

Your children's log-in details will be found in their reading records.

Sports News

The children have been very busy competing in various sporting fixtures against other schools. This week, Year 6 boys participated in EFL Utilitia U11 football tournament against other Hertfordshire schools. I am delighted to say they were the top scoring team and they got through to the semi-final. Well done, boys!



Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in an Athletics Festival and came in 5th Place. The children were brilliant and they all gave 100%. Well done children!

Action Figures Wanted

Our nursery class are in need of a fresh supply of small world toys and action figures for the children to play with. If you have any Power Rangers, Star Wars, Knights, Playmobile etc. at home, which you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school. Many thanks.

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools can claim approximately £1,345 extra funding per child for pupils whose parents receive various benefits.

If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child, I urge you to speak to Mrs Tannian, in the school office, as soon as possible. All enquiries of this nature will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil

Premium funding, you can apply directly using the following website:

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Once the funding has been awarded, it will remain in place each year that your child is with us. Please note that this extra funding is available to all eligible children, from Nursery to Year 6.

Governing Body

Over the past term, the Governing Body has reviewed the following policy:

Admissions Policy	English Policy	RE Policy
Anti-bullying Policy	Equality and Diversity Policy	Recruitment and selection Policy
Attendance Policy	Extended Schools Policy	Relationships and Sex Education
Behaviour Policy	First Aid Policy	SEN Information Report
Children Looked After Policy	GDPR Policy & Privacy notices	Work Placement Policy
Child Protection Policy	Health and Safety Policy	
Complaints Policy	Maths Policy	
Data Protection & GDPR	Online Safety Policy	
Drugs and Substance Misuse Policy	Prevent Duty & Risk Assessments	

If you would like to read any of our policies, please contact the office for a copy.

Nursery Admissions

We now offer full-time Nursery provision (9.a.m. to 3p.m.). Applications for admission to our Nursery Class opened on the 31st October, for children who were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Please ensure you complete the **School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain from the school's website or the school office.** All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, we must receive:

Supplementary Information Form & Nursery Application Form
Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

Important Notices

1. School will be closed on Friday 10th February due to staff training.



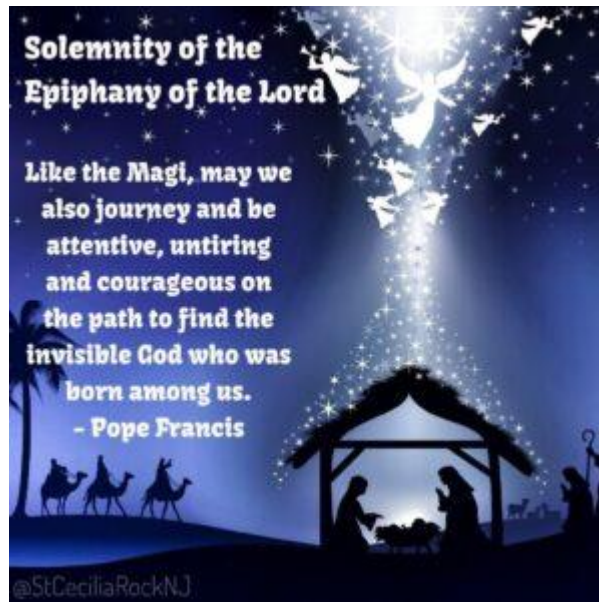
Attendance Award

This week, Year 4 class have won the best attendance award with 100%! Well done Year 4! Keep up the good effort!

Have a great week.

**Linda Payne
Headteacher**





Dates for the diary

More than ever - please treat this calendar as a guide – I am sure as we progress through the year, there may be variations.

New dates are highlighted in blue.

February	
Thursday 2 nd February	Parents' Forum at 5pm
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Consultations Save the date
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents' Consultations Save the date
Thursday 9 th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Friday 10 th February	School Closed for Staff Inset
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term holiday – School Closed
Monday 20 th February	Start of Term
Wednesday 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday in church, at 9.15a.m. All parents welcome to attend.

March	
Wednesday 1 st March	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow).
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up

	as their favourite book character.
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white). Mother's Day Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend. More information to follow.
Monday 20 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass in church – 9.15a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Monday 27 th March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.
Wednesday 29 th March	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 31 st March	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

April	
Monday 17 th April	Start of Term
Friday 21 st April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).

May	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 5 th May	Parents' Forum at 2.30p.m.
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
2 nd – 20 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2 only
9 th – 11 th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests
Wednesday 10 th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Reading Test
Thursday 11 th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test
Friday 12 th May	KS2 (Year 6 SATs) Maths Paper 3 Test
Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week
17 th – 18 th May	Year 5 Phasel's Wood Trip
Thursday 18 th May	Ascension Mass in church at 9.15a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS2 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 23 rd May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 26 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 6 th June	Start of Term
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence

Thursday 8 th June	Class Photographs
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 13 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 29 th June	St Peter and St Paul Mass in church at 9.15a.m.

Tuesday 27 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
July	
Monday 3 rd – 7 th July	Year 6 Trip to Wales
Monday 3 rd July	F1 new children and parents visits 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 4 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Wednesday 5 th July	New to Year 2 SATS & Transition Meeting (All Year 1 parents are welcome to attend)
Monday 10 th July	F1 new children and parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 13 th July	Transition Day for all pupils Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 11.00.a.m. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 17 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend. Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils must be back in school at 5.40pm
Wednesday 19th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.