



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



YEAR 2: NANCY & BELLA

STAFF MEMBER: ALL STAFF
YEAR 1: CHARLIE & AVA

RECEPTION: HERMIONE & ANDREW

YEAR 3: AMELIA & LEYLA

YEAR 4: SKYTE & LIAM
YEAR 6: NATHAN, LEONA & LUKE

YEAR 5: SERENA & LILLY

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Dear Parents, carers, children and staff,

We hope that your Advent journey has started well. Here at school we took great delight in welcoming the season with Father Jonathan in our Gospel Assembly. We are reminded that this important time of preparation and waiting for the arrival of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we light the **second purple candle** we think of **peace**. We all need inner peace, but we also need peace with others. God addresses both. He tells us what to do to find that peace.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We were **AMAZED** by all of the wonderful entries we received. Thank you and well done to everyone who entered. **It was far too difficult to choose a winner so we have decided that each card will be sent (names removed) to members our parish and local community.** The messages were full of Christmas cheer, the art work was beautiful and reflected the Birth of Our Lord and the many traditions across the world. **Every child who entered will be receiving a treat!**

Stay awake and be ready! God bless, Mrs Girling

This week in school..

Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic virtual performance by the Rep Theatre. The Wonder of Imagination ignited excitement and curiosity in the children and staff! It was a well-deserved treat for the excellent manners, wonderful behaviour and continued hard work of the children!

Reception, Year 1 and 2 celebrated Advent Day and donated a £1:00 to the SVP – thank you!

Our Performance and Standards Governing Body Meeting was held virtually.

H Creative came into school and helped us make a video all about our school and Church. We look forward to sharing it with you.



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS IS AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM ON YOU TUBE

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS?

PLEASE SEE THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Our Year 6 Head Boys and Head Girls

This year we have started a new tradition! We will be appointing Head Boys and Head Girls from Year 6 who throughout their school journey have been Disciples for Jesus, role models to others and have always worked hard and risen to the challenges they face. As we have three Year 6 classes we have appointed 6 Heads!

Congratulations to Marcel, Wojciech, Jessica, Keian, Victoria and Marisa



We are all very proud of you!



GDPR

Monday 7th DECEMBER 2020 is the final day to submit permission for your child to participate in filming, recording, photographs etc. that may be shared on social media.

SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Mr Henvey is our SENCO – Special Educational Needs Coordinator and works with Miss McTiernan our HLTA SEND Assistant and Mrs Wujcikowska our Medical Officer.

This is a very important part of school life and ensures that the needs of all pupils academically, socially, emotionally, behaviourally or medically are met. Mrs N Freeman is our SEND Governor. Further information about SEND can be found on our school website.

We have seen an increase in pupil numbers and pupil needs and always aim to ensure the best provision and outcomes for all our learners. Due to school closure and the pandemic we were unable to carry out all the necessary meetings or have visitors on site (from external agencies) to work with the children. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this. We are very fortunate to work with many excellent outside agencies and should you require any advice or sign posting please do contact the SEND Team here at school.

INTERNET SAFETY



As we approach Christmas an electronic device may be on your child's wish list. Please can we ask that you set the device with age appropriate restrictions and regularly check what your child is doing, watching and participating in?

We have reminded the children about how to stay safe on line and in discussions are growing increasingly aware of the APPS – TikTok, Snap Chat etc. that are not age appropriate that they may be using.

Do you know what apps your child has on their tablet or device?

Are they age appropriate?

How long are they spending on their electronic devices?

Please see the **WEB ZONE** tab on our school website where you can gain further knowledge and information regarding apps and websites.

Matters regarding social media will not be dealt with in school and directed to the appropriate service. It takes away valuable teaching and learning time. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE LATES PER CLASS

RTA	95%	6	3HT	98%	0
RTH	98%	0	4PC	94%	0
1KF	100%	1	4W	98%	0
1G	97%	0	5MS	94%	5
2B	96%	2	5F	93%	0
2WM	99%	0	6M	93%	0
3WO	94%	1	6C	96%	1
			6K	96%	0

OVERALL ATTENDANCE 96 %

STAR ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK ARE:

1KF, 3HT & 4W

Family Support

Miss Finn our Family Support Worker is available on Mondays to assist with any advice or concerns you may have financially, or regarding attendance and punctuality.

Miss Finn may contact you this week regarding the attendance or punctuality of your child and will be arranging meetings with families before we break up. These meetings can be held virtually.