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**Living our Faith, Learning in Love**

### **Happy All Saints' Day!**

What a wonderful day we have shared together! We began with a beautiful Mass led by our fantastic Year 5 class – thank you to everyone who read so thoughtfully and helped lead us in such a special celebration. Thank you to all the children who dressed as their favourite Saint too! The outfits were magnificent and you all looked wonderful – you made us all – Father Ned included, feel so proud. Thanks to mums and dads too, for all your support with the costumes. It was lovely to see so many parents join us back at school afterwards for refreshments, it's always a pleasure to have you in school.

### **Football Tournament**

This afternoon, our sports leaders organised and refereed a lively football tournament. Well done to all who took part, and a special thank you to our sports leaders for your enthusiasm, teamwork, and excellent organisational skills.

### **Parents' Evenings**

As usual, Parents' Evenings were well attended and the teachers all found them to be very useful - we hope you did too, and feel as proud of your child(ren)'s achievements as we do. I'm extremely grateful to you for taking the time to complete the questionnaires, as said, your thoughts and opinions are so very important to us – as are your comments of encouragement for staff, these really do mean a lot.

A big thank you also goes to our Year 6 leaders who kindly stayed after school to help organise logistics, distribute and collect the questionnaires – your support was much appreciated!

### **Festival of Light – November: Month of the Holy Souls**

Throughout November, as always, we will be remembering and praying for loved ones and family members who have passed away. In preparation for a 'Festival of Light', we are inviting children to find and decorate a small glass jar over the holidays to be brought back to school on the Friday of the first week we return (7<sup>th</sup> November). We will provide a small, electric tea lights for each jar, which will be displayed in school as part of a beautiful remembrance display. These special jars will also be presented during our Whole School Community Mass at 9:30am on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Children are encouraged to decorate their jars (old jam or hot-dog etc, jars, of any size) in any way they wish – with paint, ribbon, or other creative designs, in remembrance of a cherished loved now in heaven.

## Advent and Catholic Social Teaching

As we enter the season of Advent, our school will focus on living out our new Catholic Social Teaching theme of 'Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.' This reminds us that some people, especially at this time of year, need a little extra support and kindness.

To bring this teaching to life, each class will be taking part in their own special fundraising project to purchase a CAFOD World Gift for a family in need somewhere around the world. The children will have the exciting opportunity to select their gift—whether it's a goat, chickens, or seeds, or books, and will take the lead in organising their own fundraising activities to raise the funds needed to make their specially chosen gift a reality.

We are confident that the children will find great joy in being part of this meaningful initiative and will truly appreciate the impact their generosity can have on others.

## Important Dates

Listed below are some important dates for the next half-term. These will be added to as more events are finalized.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flu immunisations</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross Country at John Leigh Park</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross Country at Longford Park</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3:30pm, in the school hall – 'School Street' visiting school to present to parents</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Performing Arts singing at Ashton on Mersey Christmas Fair (time to be finalised)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whole School Community Mass 9:30am – 'Christ the King'</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross Country at John Leigh Park</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children's Christmas Fair, in school, 3:30pm – 6:00pm</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Performing Arts singing at the Parish Centre</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9:30am KS1 Christmas Nativity – for families</li><li>1:30pm EYFS Christmas Nativity for families</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9:30am KS1 Christmas Nativity – for families</li><li>1:00pm Whole School Pantomime</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1:30pm EYFS Christmas Nativity for families</li><li>Performing Arts singing at Fiona Gardens</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Key Stage 2 Advent Service in church, 6:00pm</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School Mass, 'Blessing of the Crib', 9:30am</li> <li>• <b>School closes 1:30pm</b></li> </ul>

### **Spanish Trip and Hosting – Opportunity for Children in Year 5 and Year 6**

I am absolutely delighted to tell you, following the huge success of last year, we will continue our relationship with our link school in Spain, Colegio Santiago Apostol, in Pontareas, in the north-west region and further grow our connection.

**Hosting a Spanish Child:** In partnership with staff from Colegio Santiago Apostol we are proposing hosting a group of their Spanish children to come and visit our school in mid/late March 2026 and are looking for families of our Year 5 and 6 children who would be willing to provide accommodation for our Spanish friends for their week-long stay.

**Attending the Trip to Spain:** The Spanish school are very keen for us to return to Spain for a weekend trip in June 2026, when we will stay together in the beautiful accommodation adjoining the Convento de San Diego de Canedo, just outside Ponareas.

**Information Meeting:** An information meeting for interested families will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 4:20pm following which we will ask for expressions of interest and a deposit of £50 to secure a place.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe weeks break. This half term has whistled by, filled with so many fabulous adventures and wonderful opportunities. We are very much looking forward to another successful half-term with all the excitement we know is to come.

With love and very best wishes



Mrs Anita Fagan  
Headteacher

**“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things” Mother Teresa**