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**Living our Faith, Learning in Love**



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Families

Half-term is upon us again – already! But, despite it being only a short term, we have managed to cram an awful lot in!

### **Mass Today**

Thank you Y4, for a really lovely Mass today. You read so beautifully, presenting your readings so clearly – thank you so much. And, thank you to all the parent and family members who were able to join us for this celebration, many of you returning with us to school for tea and coffee, it's always great to have you with us.

### **Robinwood**

This was as brilliant as ever and the children were as amazing as ever. Typical of this class, they were ready for every challenge and had an absolute ball! They really made us smile. Conquering fears, pushing themselves, trying new things, being so proud of themselves. Came home tired, with lots of fab memories with just the odd piranha-suck-mark to remind them of their adventures (if you know, you know).

### **Mini Vinnies**

How proud we are of our Mini-Vinnies Team, pictured here in the Diocesan newspaper to celebrate their work before Christmas. What a fantastic achievement, well done to Aliyanna, Dylan, Amelia, Maisie, and all the team involved here at school.

### **Young Voices**

On Wednesday afternoon we took our super-talented Performing Arts group to the Arena in Manchester to take part in the annual Young Voices Concert. What an amazing experience this was for them all, as it is every year, thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the parents who arrived to witness the incredible performance later that evening. Our children were absolutely brilliant as they sang, danced and smiled for almost seven hours, non-stop!! Thank you so much to our wonderful Mrs Mulvihill who worked so hard to ensure the children knew all the words and 'moves'. Thank you also to Miss Gosling for accompanying the children and to our fabulous team of parent-helpers: Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Gaskin, Mrs Millington and Mrs Barlow, we could not have done it without you!



## **Football Tournaments**

We have enjoyed numerous football tournaments this half-term and have been extremely proud of all our players, both girls and boys, who all showed themselves to be outstanding sportsmen and women. They are an enthusiastic and talented group of players whom I'm sure will achieve continued success in the matches coming up when we return from our break.

## **Dates**

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Yr4 swimming lessons begin
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Y4 Class Assembly 9:15am – families welcome
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 6:00pm First Forgiveness Service for all children in Y3 making their First Holy Communion this April – in church
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Class Mass **in the School Hall**
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Class Assembly 9:15am – families welcome
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y6 Class Mass **in the School Hall**
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am Easter Service led by Y6 – in church
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am - Whole School Easter Mass – in church

## **Lenten Fundraising**

Upon our return to school, each class will let you know the dates for their Lenten Fundraising events. As ever, we will be supporting CAFOD's fundraising event which, this year is called the 'Big Lent Walk'. Details will follow after the break.

## **Change of Teacher in Y5**

Sadly, Mr Gately who had been teaching in Y5 this year, has had to leave us unexpectedly due to personal reason. I would like to thank him for all his hard work whilst he has been with us, and wish him lots of luck and love for the future.

I am very pleased to say that Mrs Sweeney has returned to All Saints' and will teach our Y5 children until the end of this academic.

## **Friends of All Saints'**

We continue to be so very grateful to all members of our enormously successful Friends of All Saints' group, and all our families who support their carefully organised events. The recent Family Night was a brilliant evening and I'd like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work.

And.....***Don't forget the School Discos this evening!!***

## **Public Health Letter**

Below is an important letter about Measles which Trafford Public Health have asked all school to send to their families. Please do read this carefully.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break, that the weather is good to you and that you have some great times with family and friends.

We all very much look forward to seeing you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

With very best wishes



Anita Fagan  
Headteacher

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

## **LETTER FOM TRAFFORD**



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Dear Parent or Carer,

### **Think MEASLES**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a measles national incident following large outbreaks in London and the Midlands, and further outbreaks of infection are expected across the country. You may have seen the national media coverage on the BBC and other news channels.

Measles is extremely infectious and spreads very easily to people who have no immunity<sup>1</sup>, the illness can be serious. There are cases of measles in Greater Manchester.

The best way to protect against measles is by having 2 doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR vaccine is usually given at the GP practice to children aged 1 years and 3 years 4 months, however, some children miss this vaccination. The MMR can also be given to older children, teenagers and adults if they have missed it. If your child, or you have not received both doses of MMR we are encouraging you to contact your GP practice and complete this important vaccination programme.

To find out more about the MMR vaccine please visit: [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccine-measles-mumps-rubella)

### **What is measles?**

Measles is a contagious illness, that is spread through coughing, sneezing and close contact with someone who is infectious.

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The initial symptoms of measles:

- resemble a cold with runny nose, cough and a slight fever
- eyes become red and sensitive to light

As the illness progresses, usually days 3 to 7:

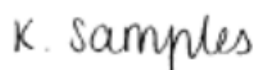
- temperature may reach 39–41 °C
- red or raised 'close' rash appears that lasts four to seven days
- small white 'Koplik' spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days
- rash usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet.
- small, raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots
- If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles:
- Seek medical advice: call your GP or NHS 111 for advice
- It is important to let your GP practice know before attending, or as soon as you arrive at the door of A&E, that you or your child may have measles, this is so that you can wait away from other patients to prevent any further spread.
- Do not go to school, nursery or work for the four days after the rash first appears.
- Limit your contact with other people and avoid those who:
  - are pregnant
  - are under 12 months old or have not had the MMR vaccine
  - have a weakened immune system
- Inform your school or employer

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,



**Helen Gollins**  
**Director of Public Health**



**Karen Samples**  
**Director Education Standards, Quality  
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