

# Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 16/10/2023

**“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son”** Matthew 22: 1- 14

Good Morning everyone

Our Gospel theme this week is about the word **“Invitation**. In our Gospel today (St Matthew), we hear another Parable (story) about a king who invites lots of different people to the wedding of his son. They have a big feast with lots of wonderful food. We are asked to listen to God’s word and try to follow what God asks us to do in our lives and to love our neighbour, wherever they are in the world.

Pope Francis says, **“Let us try to be open to God’s word and open to the Lord’s surprises when he speaks to us.”**

This week our school value is **Goodness** ~ To be good towards others, to make the right choices and live the way Jesus tells us to.

By answering God’s **invitation** and being kind and generous, welcoming and fair, by loving our neighbour, we can help to reflect God’s kingdom here on earth. We will help other people to see that we care for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from, and the world will become a better, fairer place for all people to live. Let’s all try really hard this week to listen to what God wants from us and to say yes to that **invitation** in making the right choices in the coming week.

**Congratulations to St Bernadette’s class (Mrs Webster) class again** for getting the best attendance last week. Keep up the great work! Enjoy having John Bear again this week!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Mass for Year 2 at St John's Church with Fr Mario (9am) to celebrate St Luke’s Feast Day which is the following day. Please drop your children off at church for 9am.** Hopefully you will be able to stay for the Mass and celebrate our special Mass for St Luke’s Feast Day with the children. We look forward to seeing you. If any of you can help walk the children back to school after Mass, we would be very grateful.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – This is the feast day of St Luke and we are celebrating this in school today by having a special Gospel assembly with the children to find out more about him. St Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists. He wrote one of the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles and wrote about how Jesus healed others. He was a much-loved Saint.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Pre School Information Meetings for Parents and Stay & Play sessions – Two sessions will be available (9am -10am OR 2.00pm – 3.00pm)

## **Diary Dates for after half term:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Halloween Discos.** Don’t forget to come and buy your Halloween disco tickets from the school office this week! Tickets are £3.

**F2 Parents’ Phonics Workshop** - We will be holding a Parent Workshop on phonics and reading for our Foundation 2 children on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. There will be two sessions held during the day and the focus will be to inform you on how we are teaching phonics using Ruth Miskin and to introduce Bug Club, our online reading scheme. There will also be an opportunity for you to work with your child on phonic activities, sharing good practice and looking at progress being made. There will be two time slots for you to choose from: Session 1: 9.00am-10.00am and Session 2: 2.00pm-3.00pm.

**Please complete the sign up sheet (available from tomorrow) in each classroom to show that you will be attending and the session which you prefer.** Phonics is an important part of teaching and learning in F2 and KS1 and we would encourage all parents/carers to attend if possible. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

The children finish for the half-term holiday this **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. The children return to school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

I hope you all have a lovely relaxing half term break.

Mrs Bulmer