

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 20/11/2023

“Well done, good and faithful servants; come and share your master’s joy.” Matthew 25: 14-30, 19-20

Well done to St Nicholas’ class who had the best attendance last week – well done!! I’m sure John Bear will enjoy this week in their classroom!

This week we are thinking about the word “**Talent**” Everybody has some God given gifts or **talents**. We are all unique and valuable to God. Out of his love for us, God has given us **talents**. When used well, our **talents** can help us to share God’s love.

We are also thinking this week about our Our School Value of **Kindness** ~To be kind towards others, to be friendly and sharing

In this week’s Gospel, we are reminded to use our talents well. Jesus tells a parable, the “**talent**” he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word “**talent**” describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. Everyone has a special **talent**. Using our **talents** just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our **talents** in the ground. How much better to use them to bring happiness to others! Let us use our **talents** well.

Pope Francis tells us: “**Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you!**”

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal—What an amazing collection of Christmas shoeboxes we collected together which were collected on Friday!!! Thank you once again for your amazing generosity as always.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tuesday 21st November: Year 1 trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery

Wednesday 22nd November: ST JOHN’S HOSPICE REINDEER RUN: Following on from the parent mail last week telling you more about our special Reindeer Run fundraising, the children had a wonderful assembly when we found out all about the hospice and we had a visit from their giant John Bear – which the children absolutely loved!!! We appreciate any donations however small, and we know these will be very much appreciated by this great cause.

Friday 24th November: Own Clothes Day for ALL children – Raffle Prizes for Christmas Raffles – to help spread this across the year, we will be asking different year group for donations each term. Please could we ask F2 and Pre School children to bring in prizes for this term: F2: St Teresa’s and St Francis’ classes- bottles of wine/alcohol and Pre School: St Valentine’s class – Boxes/tubs of chocolates/biscuits. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Thursday 30th November – St Andrew Feast Day

Sunday 3rd December: ADVENT SUNDAY

Wednesday 6th December: Christmas Dinner Day for Children and Staff - On this day, the staff will join the children in the hall for Christmas dinner at lunchtime.

Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day & £2 donation for colouring competition - On this day we ask for a £2 donation and everyone to come into school wearing either Christmas jumpers or something Christmassy! During the day, the children will be taking part in the Christmas colouring competition. There will be two winners from each class.

Best wishes,

Mrs M S Bulmer