

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 29/4/24

"I am the true vine and you are the branches." John 15: 1-8

Well done goes to St David's class for best attendance last week –John Bear will spend this week in their classroom.

This week, we are thinking about the word **"GROWING"**. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about how much God loves us and wants us to live and **grow** in him, just like a branch grows on a vine, to be full of God's own energy. He wants us to live fruitful lives filled with peace, kindness and love. The fruit which gives God's glory is not the type that **grows** on trees, but the goodness that **grows** inside each one of us just like our School Values like joy, kindness, patience, generosity, peace and self-control. We are filled with these "fruits" when we choose to stay close to Jesus.

In the words of Pope Francis: **"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family."**

This week we are thinking about our School Value of **Faithfulness** - To show your faith in God and Jesus by the way you live and act towards each other

Jesus wants us to grow into the best people we can be. Growing in goodness helps us to be happy together. Each new day is an opportunity to grow in goodness. Praying together is a powerful way for us to keep **growing** in love.

The Parents' Meeting for children starting F2 in Sept 2024 has been moved from this Thursday to Thursday 6th June at 4.45pm. More information will be sent out before the half term holiday

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 30th April: Mass for Year 2 and Year 4 at St John's Church (9am) - The children will need to be dropped off at church tomorrow morning. All parents/ families are welcome to join us for Mass. If any parents can help walk the children back to school after Mass, we would be very grateful. Thank you

Wednesday 1st May: Our first Mission Day of this term when we will be celebrating **"May the Month of Mary"** - the children will spend some time in their classrooms exploring this after celebrating an assembly with the school. In the words of Pope Francis: "Our Mother Mary is full of beauty because she is full of grace." We will be encouraging the children in school during the month of May to say the Hail Mary each day. I have attached a copy for you to keep and say at home as a family. I am also including a link, which has a lovely rendition of the Hail Mary, which is sung by children, and has accompanying sign language – Enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E>

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Wednesday 8th May – Year 1 Trip to Church Farm (please send in your £10 as soon as possible please)

Thursday 9th May – St Teresa's (Miss Sharkey/Mrs Kirwan) Class Assembly (9am)

Thursday 9th May – **Ascension Thursday**

Thursday 16th May – Class Photos

Friday 17th May – F2 Trip to Thurstaston (more info to follow)

Have a great week and enjoy the upcoming bank holiday weekend – hopefully with some lovely sunshine!!

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