

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 5/2/24

“That evening, the people of the town brought to Jesus anyone who was sick, and Jesus cured all kinds of diseases and sickness. Then very early the next morning, Jesus left the house to find a quiet place where he could be by himself to pray” Mark 1:29-39

Well done to St Francis' class who had the best attendance last week. John Bear will be spending this week in their classroom where I am sure he will have a great time!

This week we are thinking about the word **“Prayer”**. **Prayer** is spending time with God-talking, listening, being together – telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers. He is our loving Father and he wants us to spend time with him through prayer, just as we would spend time with others who love us. Jesus liked to pray to God His Father, which we hear about in the Gospel reading this week. Jesus regularly gathered and prayed with the community. He also made time to pray alone-a model of praying for us to follow. God created us to pray.

We can think about our School value of **Peace** when we pray. Prayer is a peaceful and special time. **Peace** - To be quiet, calm and show friendliness towards one another

In the words of Pope Francis **“Prayer is good for us-it gives us strength!”**

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 5th February – Whole School Topic Fortnight begins: ALL GOD’S PEOPLE – Celebrating Diversity. During the next two weeks, the children will be exploring how diversity matters and the importance of everyone’s special characteristics and the community around us. They will be looking at designing an inclusive playground to keep everyone safe and happy. At the end of the fortnight all parents are invited to come along on the Friday (16th February) to our showcase afternoon 2.00-3.00pm – this will be held in the children’s classrooms

Tuesday 13th February - Mass for YEAR 1 & YEAR 3 at St John’s Church (9am) - The children will need to be dropped off at church that 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 14th February – Ash Wednesday and LENT begins

Friday 16th February – Celebrating Diversity Showcase Afternoon - All parents are invited to come along to our Celebrating Diversity showcase afternoon 2.00-3.00pm held in the children’s classrooms.

Friday 16th February – Children finish for Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 27th February – Children return to school

Tuesday 27th February & Wednesday 28th February - Parents’ Evenings (3.30pm – 6.00pm): Please make sure you have booked an appointment. Sign-up sheets for appointment times will be outside the classrooms from next week

Have a great week,

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