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Week beginning Monday December 10th 2018.

Thought for the week:
“Awake, Awake, Be Ready!”

Dear Parents,

ADVENT 2018. Our week began with Mr Barton leading the school with a lovely assembly centred on Advent. Our school hall has been prepared with the Christmas tree having arrived, the decorations being put up and the prayer focus at the front of hall being changed, using the colour purple the colour of Advent. Olivia in Y3 came forward and lit our first candle, a candle of “*Hope*” for all of us. Mr Barton then went on to explain the symbolism behind the wreath and spoke to the children about their Advent promises. Finally, the children watched a video clip of someone preparing for Advent and Christmas. The clip showed lots of people being busy and getting ready for Christmas. The message behind the video was that it is important to get ready and it is important to be prepared for Christmas. The most important thing to get ready however is **our heart**, opening it up to Jesus this Christmas. Thanks to Mr Barton for a lovely and thought provoking start to our week.

Family Mass Sunday December 2nd at 10.00am. Thanks to all those that came along to Mass last Sunday, there was a great turnout and in particular, all the children in Y3 that came and did really well. Thanks to Kaitlin and Kristian for reading and thanks again to Mr Barton for overseeing the Liturgy.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2018. Congratulations to everyone in 3B who made their First Confession on Tuesday. The children were a credit to Mrs Bryan and our school. Miss Travers and her class will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation next week on Tuesday 11th at 1.30 pm.

First Holy Communion 2019. Due to numbers, we have decided to add an extra Mass on the 18th of May (11.00am). Many thanks to those families that could change their date or time and thanks to Father Simon for agreeing to add an extra Mass on to the schedule. Mr Barton will write very soon with the final lists for the four Masses on May 11th and May 18th.

Extra-Curricular Clubs. *After school clubs for the autumn term ended last week (Friday November 30th)* Thank you to everyone that led a club and supported them in any way. They will start up again in January.

Christmas Holiday 2018-2019. School closes on **Friday December 21st at 1.00pm**



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Teacher Days 2019. In 2019, our remaining teacher days will be Friday April 5th 2019, Friday June 28th, Friday July 5th and Monday July 22nd.

Christmas Jumper Day. This was a great success this year, the children looked resplendent in their jumpers and hopefully the photographs will be with us very soon. Many thanks to Alice McCarron for coming over to school and taking the photographs for us and thanks to Miss McCarron and Mrs Logue, for overseeing the photographs.

EYFS Nativity This morning we saw the Reception class stage the Nativity story for parents. Well done to all the children who spoke and sang well for their Mummies, Daddies and visitors. It was a lovely way to end our school week with our youngest pupils echoing the message of Christmas. A footnote for Nursery parents is that due to Miss Winchurch remaining absent from school their Nativity will take place on Tuesday **December 18th at 9.00am.**

Dinner Money A polite reminder to all families to reduce the dinner money debt. Thanks to those that have settled their outstanding balance. **Autumn term balances must be settled by December 14th.** Many thanks.

Contact Details. Sometimes the numbers we have on our list are “unavailable”. Please can I ask everyone to make sure that if you change your number that the school has the up to date and correct one.

Attendance for the week ending December 7th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	98%
Rec F	97%
Y1P	97%
Y1F	93%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	97%
Y3B	97%
Y3T	92%
Y4R	98%
Y4D	94%
Y5M	94%
Y5A	97%
Y6B	99%
Weekly Average	96%

Happy Birthday: Lilly, Shayden, Z’Naya, Shalom, David & Ruby

Please pray for Please pray for Y3T as they finalise their preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week. Please also pray for Miss Winchurch who is poorly.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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