

Newsletter November 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful half term holiday. We have lots of exciting events to look forward to over the next half term, with Christmas just around the corner.

Mass and Liturgy

We thank Class 4 for preparing and leading our Mass before half term. It was a beautiful celebration with confident readers and beautiful singing.

Please join us for our next **whole school Mass on Thursday 14th November at 9.15am**. This Mass will be **led by Class 3** and you are all warmly invited to attend with refreshments in the school hall afterwards.

This will be followed by a **whole school Mass on Thursday 12th December at 9 15am** with children from each class planning and leading the Mass.

Class 1 will lead the first of our half termly **Class Liturgies** to which you are all invited to. This will take place at **9am on Tuesday 26th November** in the school hall. Children will still follow their

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our coffee afternoon was very well supported and we raised **£300.57** for a very important charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Children In Need

We are organising a non-uniform day for Children in Need on **Friday 15th November 2019**. Children are invited to make a small donation with all proceeds going to Children in Need. **Diabetes**

Parents' Evening

This half-term, Parent's Afternoon/Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th November 1-6pm and Wednesday 20th November 4-5.30pm. Further information will be sent out shortly.

November—a month of remembrance



During November, the children will participate in a range of learning experiences including learning about why we celebrate Armistice Day, reciting and learning poems from the wartime period and designing and making a whole school poppy display. It is a time for us in school to focus on and celebrate our British values and heritage.

Remembrance Assembly-Friday 8th November at 2 30pm

We invite you to join us for a remembrance assembly on **Friday 8th November at 2.30pm** where the children will reflect on and share their work, thoughts and feelings. Please note, this will involve the whole school and not just Class 4 as stated on the previous diary date information.

Poppies on sale

Throughout November, we will be wearing poppies to remind ourselves of all those who have given their lives in battle. Poppies will be on sale in school every day throughout November – all donations received will go to the British Legion who support the vital work of the armed forces.

Remembrance Tree

We also remember and pray for our own loved ones during this month. We will be sending some special stars home. If you wish for us to pray for someone close to you, please write their name on the star, send it back to school and we will place it on our tree.

Sacramental Preparation

Information will be sent out shortly regarding sacramental preparation for children who are in Year 4. A meeting will be held early in December for parents who are interested in finding out more details. Dates and times will follow.

Anti-Bullying week

Anti bullying Week 2019 is being held between the 12th and 16th November and is organised by Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year the theme is 'Change starts with us'. Children will be taking part in lots of activities linked to Anti-Bullying over the week, which forms part of PSHE teaching in all schools. If you would like to find out any more information about Anti-Bullying week please visit <https://>

Attendance and Punctuality

Can I please remind you that every day in school matters and I would ask you to carefully consider when booking a holiday that it does not fall in school time. A Headteacher can only authorise 'Leave of Absence' in exceptional circumstances.

Open Day for potential new starters

We are holding an open afternoon/evening for potential new starters to Little J's on Monday 11th November at either 10-11am or 5-6pm. If you know anyone who is looking for a lovely school for children aged 2 years+ please ask them to come along to meet us and have a look around the school. Please remember that while we are a Catholic School, we are also an inclusive school and welcome children from all faiths.

Christmas Activities

Christmas Fayre –Friday 6th December 1 30pm-3 30pm

On Friday 6th December, we will be opening school for parents, friends and family members to join us at our school fayre. Items will be sold from 9:15 – 11:00am, with tea and coffee in the school hall. All money raised will go towards providing exciting opportunities for our children.

Christmas Dates

- Thursday 12th December 9 15am-Mass in church
- Friday 13th December-2pm -Nativity play in the school hall
- Thursday 19th December-party day
- Friday 20th December 2 30pm-Christmas concert in church.....

Christmas dinner date to be confirmed

We break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 3 15pm and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020. **School is closed on Monday 6th January due to a teacher training day.**



Dates for your Diary!



Whole school Remembrance assembly in the	Friday 22nd November-2 30pm
Anti- bullying week	Monday 11th November—Friday 15th November
Open morning/evening for potential new starters to Little J's and Reception Class (Sept 2020)	Monday 11th November 10am-11am or Monday 11th November 5pm-6pm
Whole school Mass led by Class 3-all welcome	Thursday 14th November-9 15am
Children in Need Day	Friday 15th November
Parents' Afternoon/Evening	Tuesday 19th November 1pm-6pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 20th November 4pm-5 30pm
Class 1 Liturgy in the school hall- all welcome	Tuesday 26th November 9 10am
Christmas Fayre in school	Friday 6th December -1 30pm-3 30pm
Whole school Mass-all welcome	Thursday 12th December-9 15am
Nativity play in school	Friday 13th December-2pm
Party day	Thursday 19th December
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2019-2020 Holiday Dates

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Autumn half-term 2019	Friday 25 ^h October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Christmas 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Spring half-term 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
May Day 2020 (Friday 8th 2020)	Thursday 7th May 2020	Monday 11th May 2020
Summer half-term 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17th July 2020	TBC