

November Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is always incredibly busy especially as we prepare for Christmas but it is also really exciting and there are many exciting activities planned for the months ahead including Christmas Fayre, Christmas Concert and the Nativity.

Each morning, there are staff on the to welcome pupils into school. Hopefully, this also provides the opportunity for parents to have chat and a catch up. If you would like a more private conversation please let the office know and we can always book an appointment. We always want to work together, in keeping with our mission statement 'Christ at the centre, children at the heart'

Mrs C Sutherland Head of School

Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

Putting others before Ourselves

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of humility explaining that to be great is to be a servant. True greatness involves putting God first by serving and loving Him and our neighbours through our words and deeds.

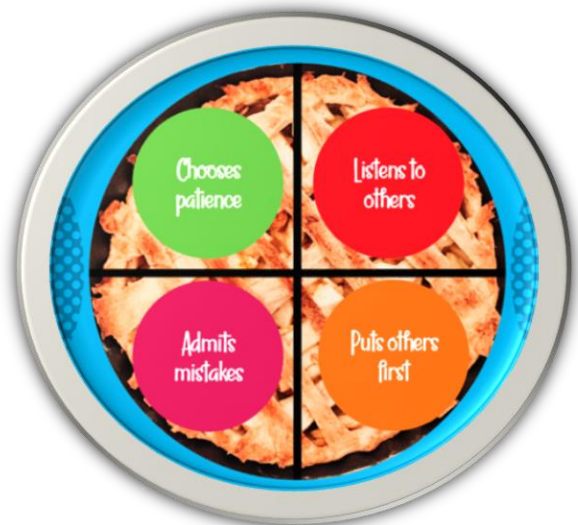
Being humble takes the focus away from ourselves and challenges us instead to think about others. You might want to explore with your child ways to be humble by being patient, listening, admitting mistakes and putting others first.

You could even make a family star chart with rewards for putting others first!

Kindness Café FRIDAY 1st December

Held in the KS2 hall from 8:30am-9:30am
Children to leave for their classes at 9am

We look forward to welcoming you.
Come along to have a cuppa and a chat!
No charge!



TODDLERS GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:30pm-3pm

Held in the Nursery NOT Infant hall-come to the Nursery entrance please!

We look forward to welcoming you. Come along to play, have a cuppa and a chat!

Please note all are welcome-you do not have to have a child attending Our Lady of the Rosary School

No charge!

Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

Dates for your Diary:

November

- **Wed 8th** - Photograph Day
- **Fri 10th** - Remembrance Service for children in school
- **Wb 13th**-Anti-bullying week
- **Mon 13th** – Y1 Trip-Around the locality
- **Tue 14th** - Odd socks day
- **Tue 14th** -Reception/Y6 Buddy Celebration 9:15 KS2 hall.
- **Fri 17th** - Children in Need
- **Fri 17th**- Year 4 celebration of the Word-parents invited 9:10am-Prayer room KS1 building
- **Mon 20th** - Parents' Afternoon Years 4 and 5-1pm-6pm
- **Tues 21st** - Parents' Afternoon Year 6 and EYFS-1pm-6pm
- **Wed 22nd** - Parents' Afternoon Years 1, 2 and 3-1pm-6pm
- **Wed 22nd-Friday 24th**-2 night stay for Y5 at the Youth Village.
- **Thurs 23rd** - Children singing at Rainton Arena (12 children)
- **Fri 24th** - Year 1 celebration of the Word-parents invited 9:10am-Prayer room KS1 building
- **Thurs 30th** – Year 3 visit to Hardwick Park

December

- **Friday 1st Dec**-Coffee morning
- **Friday 1st Dec**-Year 2 Celebration of the Word-parents invited 9:10am-Prayer room KS1 building.
- **Mon 4th Dec** - Advent 1-led by Mrs Henery's class-all welcome 9:10am-KS2 hall
- **Fri 8th** - Year 3 Celebration of the Word-parents invited.
- **Fri 8th** -CHRISTMAS FAYRE 1:30pm
- **Mon 11th Dec** - Advent 2-led by Mrs Freer's class-all welcome 9:10am- KS2 hall
- **Wed 13th** - Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
- **Fri 15th** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (pm)
- **Mon 18th** – Advent 3-led by Miss Mather's class-all welcome 9:10am- KS2 hall
- **Mon 18th** – Christmas concert 1:30pm
- **Tues 19th** – EYFS and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Party -pm
- **Wed 20th** – KS2 Christmas Party (Years 3-6)-pm
- **Thurs 21st** – Mass in Church prepared by Y5-Mrs Sweeney's class 9:30am
- **Fri 22nd Dec**-Children break up at 1pm (Please note tea-time club will not be available this day. Please note Nursery will be closed all day Fri 22nd Dec.)

Children In Need

We will be celebrating 'Children in Need' on Friday 17th November. Children are invited to wear something yellow, spotty or wear non-uniform supporting Children in Need.

It is always a great day in school which the children and all donations are sent to Children in Need.



Anti-bullying Week

We will be marking Anti-bullying week from 13th-17th November by wearing odd socks to school on Tuesday 14th November, reminding us that we are all different but that makes us unique and special. There will be other themed activities and discussion during the week highlighting that we need to speak up when we know things aren't as they should be, ensuring all children feel empowered to stand up for what is right.



Statements to Live By

Our ethos statements to be shared and celebrated in school this term...

I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others

I try to be just and fair

I can tell you how I look after myself

I think before I make choices that affect my health

I can work, play, rest and pray each day

Simple things can make us happy



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