



Statements to Live By:

Week Beg 07.11.16 I can tell you how I look after myself.

Week Beg 14.11.16 I think before I make choices that affect my health.

The Feast of All Saints

The children behaved very well and joined in well with singing and prayers during Mass in church. There were a number of very positive comments about our excellent readers too. Thank you to all those parents who helped us on the journeys to and from Church and who joined us in church for Mass.

November Remembrance During this month, we write the names of those we know and love who have died, in a special book. This is kept on our focal point in the hall and features in our acts of worship. The children have been able to buy a lovely selection of items, including poppies. All the money raised helps to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Year 2 are visiting the Memorial Hall on 11th November. A separate letter will go out to Y2 parents about this visit.

Youth Friday 18th November

Each year Bishop Seamus asks us to pray for and to support the work of the diocesan Youth Mission Team. As this is the same day as Children in Need, we will hold our Youth Friday Liturgy on that date but have a fundraising event on an alternative day during Advent.

Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 20th November. The Youth Groups from the parish and school will be helping to celebrate Youth Sunday at 9.15 Mass. It was wonderful to have so many children at our Education Sunday Mass in September. I hope we will have as much support for the children for this special celebration. 20th November will also be our Sunday for '**Learning to Lead**' and children will be helping with the different ministries at church. Parishioners are delighted to see the children getting involved in the Mass. If your child is in Key Stage 2, please consider allowing them to take part in parish life in this special way and return the reply slip to school if you have not already done so.

Children in Need: Friday 18th November.

For a small donation children are invited to do any or all of the following:

- Come to school in **own clothes**, including something **spotty**
- Bring a **small** cupcake or biscuit which they may eat at break time.
- Bring in a small teddy bear.

We will update you with the amount raised on the next newsletter.

National Anti-Bullying Week. Week Beginning Monday 14th November. Children will undertake a variety of activities during that week to raise awareness about different types of bullying and how to deal with these. A performance by Splats Theatre Company has been arranged for Key Stage 2 classes.

Information sessions: Wednesday 9th November 2.15 – 3.15 p.m. or Tuesday 15th November 6.30 p.m.

This year we are holding two sessions to try to cater for parents who collect from school and those who are not free during the school day. I hope you can join us to hear about improvement priorities for this academic year and ways in which you can support your child and our school.

Mega Motion Mega Fridays Mega Motion happens every Friday. Families are encouraged to leave the car behind in favour of walking, cycling, and scooting to school. Please keep up your excellent support for healthy travel.

Activities for this half term.

Y1 & Y2 Ballroom Dancing Mondays 3.30-4.30

Y5 & Y6 Science Club - Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30

Y2 - Y6 Board Games Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30

KS2 Dance Club - Thursdays 3.30-4.30

Y2 - Y6 choir Lunchtimes - To be arranged

I would also like to highlight the School Prayer group which is open to all KS2 pupils. There is no commitment to regular attendance. Children can join us for a short time of quiet reflection any Friday lunchtime.

Halloween Disco Many thanks to our PFA Committee for organising another very popular event. The total amount raised was £550.10. Thank you to everyone who went along and helped in any way.

Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents/Carers. Those interested in applying for a place in our school for September 2017 can attend one of three sessions which will be held on **Monday 7th November**. The session times are 9.30am-10.30am, 1.45pm-3.00pm & 6.30pm-7.30pm. Anyone considering applying for a place in next year's Reception Class is welcome. There will be a short introductory talk and visitors will be shown around school. Senior members of staff will be available to speak to prospective parents, answer questions and provide advice on the admissions process.

Safety and Security Reminders

- Children should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.55. If you arrive after 8.55am you must sign your child in at the office and provide a reason why they are late.
- Please ensure that you make a prompt departure from school once your child is safely inside. This allows other parents to use any parking spaces on the road and eases congestion outside school.
- Pupils should ensure bikes are locked in the pods or the bike shed. Bikes and scooters should not be left overnight in school.
- During the darker mornings and evening, pupils are encouraged to wear 'high visibility' clothes, especially if they walk to and from school.

Menu Change Please note that there has been a change to the lunch menu. Week 2 Tuesdays vegetarian option has changed from Stuffed Tortilla to Quorn Hot Dog.

Many thanks for your continuing help and support as we move into another very busy half term.

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