

## *Year of the Word*

'Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13.13



## Catholic Life

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the feast which marks the beginning of Christ's ministry. That ministry would go on to change the whole world and just like then, we are called to be disciples of Jesus today, every day. Our theme for this week has been discipleship and the children have explored how they can be a disciple of Jesus, particularly within our school community. I have been delighted that children have responded to my invitation to complete small jobs around the school which help to make the school community a better place for everyone. Children have enjoyed delivering mail to teachers, tidying the library and sorting out the lost property. This fits in perfectly with our St Francis Children Serving Others Award. Please continue to support your children to complete their service records.

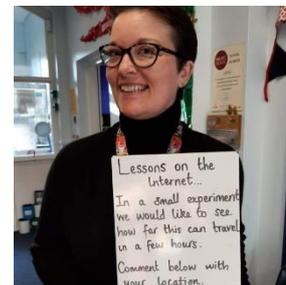
## House Family Meeting- Vocations

Last week our House Family meetings focused on vocations and the children's aspirations for their future job and also their life aspirations. The children then completed a sheet in class where they explored which virtues they would need to live out to support them on their life journey. The children have some incredible ideas about their future but it is wonderful to see that almost all children recognized the importance of being kind and showing kindness to others, especially those in need.

## Online Safety



Over the last couple of weeks there has been a focus on online safety in Years 3 and 4. Mrs Evans posted a picture on her Facebook page to demonstrate to the children how quickly an image can be distributed online; Year 4 children did the same by posting to our school page. The children were surprised that their posts reached over 17 countries around the world.



## Pupil Premium Funding

As outlined in a message on class dojo, extra funding could be available for your child through Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Scheme. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, the school can access extra funding to support your child. This is called Pupil Premium Funding and you can apply for this by completing the 'Free School Meal' application form. This is available through Class Dojo or from the school office. Even if your child is in KS1 and you think you may be eligible, please make an application. The funding stays with your child for the duration of their time in primary school.

## Parish News

Father Tom has asked for any families who are Catholic to complete the Parish census so that parish records can be updated. Please pick up a form at the back of the churches or email your information, including your name, address and contact details to [stjbstp@googlemail.com](mailto:stjbstp@googlemail.com)

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Candidates will be enrolled on Sunday 26th January at the 10.30am Convent Mass. Parents and children should arrive for 10am at the school Reception to meet Mrs Garrett and collect their books.

## Reading

I have noticed that some children are not reading daily at home. Reading is such an important life skill and it is critical that children read as often as possible to improve their fluency and comprehension. We aim to listen to as many children reading in school as possible and in KS2 this is done primarily through guided reading lessons. Please could you mark in your child's reading record when they have read at home.

## God Bless

*G. Brown*

## Gosia Brown- Head Teacher

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y6 Key Stage Liturgy @9am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Mass- Year 4 attending
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y5/6 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.05am Mass in school- Year 6 leading

	Sky Dance Theatre Dance Competition
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Key Stage Liturgy @9am Gymnastics Competition
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA meeting in library @5.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 KS Liturgy
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Tuesday/Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evenings- Internet Safety/RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) presentations in library for parents.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term Break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.05am Ash Wednesday Mass in hall.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Key Stage Liturgy @9am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 to Mass in Convent @9.30am Y2 Attending KS1 Cross Country
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Area Cross Country
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- dress as a word- vocabulary parade. EYFS KS Liturgy @9am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 to Mass in Convent @9.30am
Week Beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week-activities in school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 (BC) Key Stage Liturgy
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 to Mass in Convent @9.30am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 KS Liturgy @9am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 to Mass in Convent @9.30am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 to Mass in Convent @9.30am
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimathon
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Jerusalem Joy @2pm Y3/4 (school hall) Confessions with Fr Tom (KS2)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Confessions with Fr Tom (KS2)

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Jerusalem Joy @2pm Y3/4 (school hall)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term