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### Prayer for the Week



This week we celebrated the Feast of Candlemas, also known as “The Presentation of the Lord”.

It was 40 days after the birth of Jesus that his parents presented him to God the Father in the Temple in Jerusalem. At his presentation in the Temple, Jesus was recognised for who he was by two people – Simeon and Anna. They were elderly and had spent their lives growing closer to God. Now they meet him face to face and recognise him in their midst.

Simeon says, “Now master you can let your servant die in peace because my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations to see. He will be a light to enlighten all people.”

Because Simeon referred to Jesus as the one who brings light to all nation, candles are lit this day, and the feast day is often called “Candlemas”.

**Please pray the following prayer as a family – one person leading and the rest responding.**

### Let us Pray

The response to the prayer:

***May your light be reflected in us.***

*Lord Jesus, 40 days after your birth you were taken to the temple and presented by your parents to God our Father. Make us aware that we are the Temple of your Holy Spirit who lives in us.*

***May your light be reflected in us.***

*Simeon’s eyesight grew dim, but he recognised who you were. Open our eyes that we may always recognise you in our midst.*

***May your light be reflected in us.***

*Simeon prophesied that Mary would be pierced to the heart. As Mary stayed with Jesus in his suffering, we pray that we may help those who are part of our lives.*

***May your light be reflected in us.***

*You said that you are the light of the world.*

***May your light be reflected in us.***

*Amen.*

**YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION:** We will definitely be running Holy Communion classes and this will start after half term I am meeting with the priests of the parish later today to put together a timetable and this will be sent to you next week.

**ONLINE SURVEY:** Thank you to all those children who have been able to complete the online survey. It will remain open until Monday if you would like to put in your views but we have had an overwhelming response. This will really help us to improve our provision.

Many of you have said that you are happy with the learning that is provided though some have said there is too much. If you are finding that there is too much try to concentrate on the English and Maths. A few children have said it is too difficult. Please speak to your class teacher if the learning is too difficult. The teachers are doing 1:1 sessions with children who are finding some things hard so please just tell your teacher and they will help.

Many of you would like more art, DT and cooking, quizzes and more time to chat with the teacher and your friends. I will feed this back to the staff. We are aware that some families will not have lots of craft activities and we always try to bear this in mind when setting activities. Someone has asked for more of these activities on a Friday. We will definitely look at all your suggestions.

If you do not have a laptop or an iPad and are working from a mobile phone please call the school office on 020 8575 5344 or email [admin@olovrc.com](mailto:admin@olovrc.com) and we will organise a device for you.

**We will be sending out a parent survey next week.**



**MARDI GRAS:** We are going to have our very own Mardi Gras celebration next Friday 12th February (last day of term). This is to recognise Shrove Tuesday which falls in half term. This is traditionally a day when all the sweet things are eaten in preparation for the fasting during Lent.

We would like the children to dress in the traditional **colours of green, gold and/or purple**. If they do not have these colours any bright clothes will do. During the day we will be doing craft activities such as making masks, making hats and making simple musical instruments. We will send you some activity ideas but household products, paper and colouring pencils are all you need.

We would love the children to make pancakes and photograph themselves tossing their pancakes. If you have any traditional foods that you would normally make on Shrove Tuesday we would love to see them. We will also be uploading a song that the children can play their musical instruments to.

I do hope you will be able to join in with the fun. More details will be sent out early next week.

**YEAR 6 HISTORY TOPIC:** Year 6 have been studying the SS Windrush and this week we were able to take part in a virtual Question and Answer session with a passenger that sailed on the ship in the 1940's. Alice, now 82, arrived from Jamaica as a young girl and had dreams and aspirations of starting a new life in London. She spoke of the struggles she endured, prejudices faced and the life she led after settling in Shepherds Bush. A huge thank you to Alice for taking part and answering our questions. A great insight for us all.

**Mr Cooke and Miss Parillon (year 6 teachers)**

**HALF TERM CLUB:** We will not be setting remote learning during half term. However you may be looking for activities to do with your children. Please see the attached flyer for information regarding an online half term club for children aged 7-11 years of age. The club will include drama, singing and dancing from different cultures by a range of artist celebrating Black Culture. All are welcome to apply.

**BRENTFORD FC** continue to offer lots of fantastic online exercise opportunities. Why not give it a try if you are in Year 2-6?

**Football & Fitness** – a mixture of ball mastery and a HIIT style workout.

Tuesday sessions:

<https://www.brentfordfcst.com/product/2021-virtual-football-development-programme/>

**STAYING SAFE ONLINE:** With the increased use of online devices it is more important than ever that children are safeguarded against harmful materials that readily pop up when you put in a search or risk from meeting unknown people when playing online games.

Please see below the link to the 'Think you Know' website which gives advice on how to stay safe when using a phone, tablet or computer.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

This website includes tips on how to set parental controls on devices, how to talk to your child about keeping safe online and what to do if they see harmful material and also activities you can do together around keeping safe. There are also a range of child friendly activities for all age groups.

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. We will be talking about how we communicate with our friends online. Do you ever write things you would not say to someone who was standing in front of you?

#### **DATES**

**HALF TERM:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**May God keep you safe from harm today and always!**

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