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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Lord God,

We pray for ever closer understanding and cooperation between Christians as we mark the Centenary of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. May the grace of the Holy Spirit continue to deepen the communion that already exists between all Christians by virtue of their common Baptism.

Cardinal Vincent writes:

"The search for UNITY between Christian Churches, divided by history, is a vital one. All of us are called to come together in prayer and discussion, so as to work for God's Kingdom with our brothers and sisters in other Churches....."

Liturgical Celebrations



Wednesday 22nd January - St Vincent Pallotti Mass 12.30pm (Juniors only)

Friday 14th February - Our Lady of Lourdes Mass 10.00am

NEW YEAR NEW CHANGES: This year we will be sending out the newsletter on a Monday. It will not look very different but as well as looking back at what we have done/achieved we will also be looking forward to what we are going to do/achieve. This way we hope that we will give you enough information and time to be prepared.

A Look Ahead.....

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI MASS: Each year we celebrate the Feast of St Vincent Pallotti (the founder of the Pallottine Fathers) on his feast day, 22nd January. This is a great opportunity for the Parish and school to unite in celebrating our Faith. We will be joining the Parish Community, along with Cardinal Wiseman High School on Wednesday. The Mass will take place at 12.30pm with the **Junior department only**. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: Begin next Monday 27th January. Please see the Diary Dates for the date of your child's assembly.

MATHS WORKSHOPS: We recognise parents/carers as the first educators of children and the importance of the parent/school partnership when educating our young people. Many parents/carers have asked for follow up workshops on Maths. These will be taking place next week. Please see the Diary Dates for the workshop that is most relevant for you and your child. There will be a repeat of these on Thursday 30th at 6pm for working parents/carers and those who cannot make it during the day.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: I will be meeting with our link person and the Cook to devise the school menu for next term. I will be meeting with pupils beforehand to find out what they like/dislike on the current menu and to make appropriate changes. We will also be looking at how we can reduce our food waste.

If you have any comments please email the school office.

VOLUNTEERS: An email was sent out last week inviting you to a coffee morning for anyone interested in volunteering in school. Please come along to the school hall this Friday 24th January after you drop off your child. To help us to make even a small difference to landfill, please bring along your own travel mug.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD: Pope Francis has named this year as the 'Year of the Word' where we are asked to engage more with the Bible and read more scripture. In school we will be taking every opportunity to read stories from the Old Testament and The New Testament and talking to the children about God's message to us. As Catholics, The Bible is the most important book we have. As Fr Eugene said in his sermon to the children a couple of weeks ago, "The Bible is our instruction manual on how to live a life with Christ".

Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Word'. **Children are invited to bring in their Bible next Tuesday 28th January when we will have a special assembly to bless our Bibles.**

SPORTS NEWS: Last week 4 teams of Y6 pupils took part in the Borough Badminton Festival.

It was a combination of skills learning, earning team points and having fun. It was a big hit in all areas and our athletes loved it.

Congratulations to Ebere, Chris, Alex B and Amelia who were awarded **Spirit of the Games** for demonstrating passion for the sport and self-belief. It was also so nice to see so many former students, now at Cardinal Wiseman, being Young Sports Leaders at the event.

Go Team Visitation!



CAR PARK: Our Car Park is a very small and potentially dangerous place. Parents have begun parking in front of the barrier when picking up their children or when dropping off for Breakfast Club. This is of great concern. If we needed to call the emergency services they would not be able to access the school. Also reversing out onto the Greenford Road is potentially life threatening to those in the car and to pedestrians and other car users.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES: To support the curriculum and make learning as fun and interesting for the children as possible we organise termly trips or workshops linked to the year group topics. This enables children to have first-hand learning experiences. This week year 4 will be learning all about the Vikings in a workshop held at school and year 6 will be visiting the Natural History Museum next week linked to their topic on Evolution.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: I spent some time at the weekend looking at the school website. Although I am very pleased with the new format and believe it is much easier to navigate, a lot of the most up to date information has been lost in the transfer. We will be working together to make sure the most up to date information is on the website by half term. Thank you for your patience while we do this. You can access the website on this link www.visitation.ealing.sch.uk

We welcome any comments you have on the website. If there is anything you would like included please drop an email to the school office.

Online-Safety: There are some strategies that can be used to help manage the time online issue.

Agree time limits or use time limiting tools. Designate weekly times to use the internet together. Remove portable devices from your child's bedroom at night to avoid tiredness.



Diary Dates

January 2020

Tuesday 21st – Year 4 Vikings Workshop

Tuesday 28th – Year 6 Natural History Museum trip

Tuesday 28th – 2.30pm Years 1-2 Maths Workshop

Wednesday 29th – 9.00am Early Years Speech & Language Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th – 2.30pm Years 3-4 Maths Workshop

Thursday 30th – 2.30pm Years 5-6 Maths Workshop / 6.00pm Repeat of all Maths Workshops

February

Friday 7th – Choir performing at Young Voices

Thursday 13th – Parental Consultation Evening – school closes at 2.00pm

Monday 17th – Friday 21st – Half Term

Class Assemblies

All class assemblies will start at 2.40pm.

Monday 27th January – 6C

Monday 3rd February – 6P

Wednesday 5th February – 2C

Monday 10th February – 5Y

Wednesday 12th February – 1G

Monday 24th February – 4W

Wednesday 26th February – 2V

Wednesday 4th March – Butterflies

Monday 9th March – 3W

Wednesday 11th March – 1B

Monday 16th March – 4O

Monday 23rd March – 3D

Wednesday 25th March – Bumblebees

Monday 30th March – 5A

ACHIEVEMENTS PAGE

ATTENDANCE: As you may know, there is a direct correlation between attendance at school and academic achievement. We noted that all the children who got a certificate last term for attendance are also those children who achieve the highest standard. Make a difference to your child's achievement by increasing their attendance.

Our attendance target this year is 97%.

Please see the table below for class attendance for the week of 13th to 17th January. Congratulations to 2V and 6P for 100% attendance.

FS1A	96%
FS1B	83.6%
BUTTERFLIES	92.7%
BUMBLEBEES	97.7%
1G	93%
1B	89.7%
2C	95.3%
2V	100%
3D	98.7%
3W	99%
4W	98%
4O	99.3%
5A	98.3%
5Y	99.3%
6C	99%
6P	100%

PRAISE CERTIFICATES: Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few.

Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate last week.

Eliza and Kamil – FS2F
 Milena and Marco – FS2G
 Katie and Alan – 1B
 Jamie, Emilia and Shreya – 1G
 Patrick and Jakub – 2C
 Sienna and Ben – 2V
 Ethan and Christine – 3D
 Sanborn and Jacob – 3W
 Joanna and Kaya – 4O
 Denishaan and Zuzanna K – 4W
 Thomas and Jessica – 5A
 Arielle and Paolo - 5Y
 Alex and Eddie – 6C
 Ryan and Alex – 6P

CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance Respect and following school rules.

This half term the citizenship award is being given to those children who listen to and respect other people's points of view, are fair in their play and interactions with others and who are supportive and helpful to all those they encounter each day. This is our BRITISH VALUE **DEMOCRACY** which links to our GOSPEL VALUES of **RESPECT AND FAIRNESS**.

Casper – FS2F
 Nicole – FS2G
 Reuben – 1B
 Willow – 1G
 Adam – 2C
 Tiago – 2V
 Natalia – 3D
 Sebastian – 3W
 Melia – 4O
 Filip – 4W
 Filip – 5A
 Peter – 5Y
 Laura – 6C
 Gabriella – 6P