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Week beginning Monday November 21st 2016.

Thought for the week:

“If everyone is thinking alike then somebody isn’t thinking”

Anti-Bullying Week. Our week began with our school recognising that this week is “Anti Bullying Week”.

“*Bullying is when you hurt someone deliberately more than once*”. This can take many forms and in our world today an all too common type of bullying is what we call Cyberbullying. We have spoken about the Internet and all the positives it brings into all our lives, we have however re-enforced the SMART rule as an effective way to behave and act when using the Internet. We spoke about age limits with reference to social media and sadly how sometimes issues arising from this can be brought into school. I urge EVERYONE to be vigilant when allowing your child/children access to the internet and any associated social media. There are many benefits but there are also numerous dangers. I now have conversations with children and parents that can often begin with anecdotal evidence arising from a “fall out” of some sort on social media. Please be aware of age limits and please also be aware of what and who your child/children are interacting with on line. Please have a look at the web site, at our e safety section where you will find copies of our SMART rules, many thanks to Miss McCarron for leading our assembly this morning.

“Trusted Adults”. We have spoken to the children about “trusted adults”. We talked about who in school the children could talk to if they were for example worried, poorly or frightened. Each year group has a display of their “trusted adults” and we have displayed photographs of “trusted adults” across school. Knowing who to trust and who to talk to is another way that our school can show that it is a “Telling School”.

School Mass. Thanks to Y2 for leading our Mass on Wednesday thanks also to Miss Dunne for organising the readers. Our next Mass will be on **Friday November 25th at 9.15am, it will be led by Y5.**

Year of Mercy. Throughout the last 12 months we have been talking, writing, visiting, discussing, reading and thinking about the Year of Mercy. Sadly this is now drawing to a close. To mark this we had a special assembly this morning when we shared with the children a special presentation the Diocese had asked us to show. Thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing this and asking us all to reflect on how we can be more merciful.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday December 8th at 1.30pm.

The workshop for Y3 parents takes place on Wednesday November 30th at 1.30pm, all the children who are making their first Confession and then Holy Communion later in the year need to be represented at this session.

Family Mass Sunday November 27th at 10.00am.

Our next “family mass” takes place on **Sunday 27th** on behalf of Father Simon I want to extend a welcome to everyone to come along. In particular if you are a new family in Nursery or Reception please do come along on Sunday 27th. Mrs Hayes will be writing to everyone with more details shortly.

Reception/Nursery Open Afternoon 1.30pm Thursday November 17th. Thank you to everyone that came along yesterday, I hope the session was useful.

Christmas 2016. A further reminder to please do keep an eye on the newsletter/website for a list of events as we build up to Christmas. First and foremost please make sure you buy a raffle ticket/book as £200 will be the first prize and a drinks hamper will be second prize. There will be many other items available to win and all would make ideal gifts before Christmas, so please make sure you buy a book of tickets.



Autumns Term Questionnaire. Thanks to everyone that filled in a questionnaire, the findings came home midweek and I will be sharing the results with our governors next week.

School Football Team. Mr Barton took the team to Villa Park earlier this week when all concerned played and tried their hardest. Well done to the football team.

Professor McGinty. Our time travelling Historian visited us again on Tuesday. He spoke to Y6 about Ancient Egypt, there are photos on a Twitter feed if you want to have a look at Y6 enjoying his visit.

“Lads/Dads Day”. Miss McGeechan organised a super day for everyone on Wednesday, thanks to everyone that came along. Once again have a look on our Twitter feed for some great photos.

Y5 “Clay and Play” Mr Barton and Y5 enjoyed their “clay and play” session yesterday, indeed Y5 were a credit to take out of school.

Father Richard Sharples. Father Richard’s Induction Mass at his new parish takes place tonight Friday November 18th at 7.00pm. Father Simon is taking a mini bus down to Stourport on Severn later today so if anyone would like to attend please see Father Simon to book your place on the bus.

Some Key Dates for the week ahead: Week beginning November 21st.

Monday 21st- INSPIRE Workshop Y6

Tuesday 22nd INSPIRE Workshop Y3 AM, Y4 PM

Wednesday 23rd INSPIRE Workshop Y1 AM, Y5 PM. Y4 visiting the Sea Life Centre.

Thursday 24th INSPIRE Workshop Y2 AM, Reception PM. Y3 visiting Lapworth Museum.

Friday 25th November Birthday non-uniform day.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday November 21st 2016 3.15pm-4.00pm

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Netball	Y5&6	Miss Dunne
Monday	Computing	Y4	Miss McCarron
Monday	RE	Y3	Mrs Hayes
Tuesday	D+T	Y2D	Mrs Attwood
Tuesday	Dance	Y1	Mrs Gray
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Y4	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art	Reception, Mrs Hayes	Mrs Crossen
Thursday	Maths	Y3	Miss McGeechan
Thursday	Sport	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science	Y2B	Mrs Bryan

Attendance for week ending November 18th 2016.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception H	94%
Reception C	97%
Y1F	98%
Y1M	96%
Y2C	97%
Y2D	98%
Y3	94%
Y4	99%
Y5	97%
Y6	97%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Triumph Cubaka, Shelly-Mai Brennan, Lacey Dowd, Cian Bushell, Amy Smith, Lewis Rendell, Erick Stephanyan, Solyana Tsegai, Beulah Iyire and Lucas Thompson.

Please pray for: Anyone in our school family that is troubled in any way.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher

