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### Week beginning Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Thought for the week:**  
**"Awake Awake, Be Ready"**

**Christ the King.** Our week began with school celebrating the feast of Christ the King. I spoke to the children about what kind of King Jesus is, after much discussion we agreed that Jesus is the king of Love, Joy, Forgiveness and Peace.

**Advent 2017.** Advent begins this weekend and assembly on Monday will see the first candle on our wreath lit. Please come along to Mass on **Sunday (10.00am)** as this would be a wonderful way for us all to begin Advent together.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3W and Y3R Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

Thanks to those that came along yesterday to the session led by Mr Barton. The children will be receiving the sacrament next Tuesday (3W) and Wednesday (3R).

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y3 for leading our Mass today thanks also to Mrs Barker and Ms Parkes for organising the readers. Our next Mass will be on **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am, it will be led by Y2.**

**Family Mass Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am.** *Our next "family mass" takes place this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, on behalf of Father Simon I want to extend a welcome to everyone to come along.*

**ParentPay 2017-2018.** This week everyone was asked to log into ParentPay (72 new parents have already done so, thank you) and activate their account in readiness for next week. Logging in will require an email address primarily, and needs to be completed next week. ParentPay will then go live this **Monday (December 4<sup>th</sup>) for school dinners only. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** families that use the breakfast club will be able to pay via ParentPay with the idea being that when we return in January the school is a cash free school.

**Y2 Class Assembly.** Thank you Miss Dunne, Mrs Logue, Mrs Fernandez and all who helped prepare our lovely assembly this morning. In particular many thanks to the talented children in Y2 for delivering such a lovely assembly this morning. A wonderful end to the week.

**Breakfast Club.** The cost of Breakfast club is set to rise to **£3 per child** from next week (week beginning Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>).

**Collecting children.** A further plea to ask that everyone makes a concerted effort to collect their children on time at the end of the day. As the darker evenings draw in for our younger children in particular being left can cause them to get upset.

**Nursery places 2018.** School is now accepting applications for a full time place in Nursery next September. The process is simply call into the office and the staff will direct you to complete the relevant form. Can I stress the need to fill in one of our forms to secure a place for next September; school already has names on the list so please make sure you complete the form if you require a Nursery place for 2018.

**Christmas Holiday.** We break up on **Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.00pm** returning at the normal time on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> for the spring term 2018.



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**Extra Curricular Clubs.** Clubs will all finish next **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** for the autumn term. Thanks to everyone for supporting them throughout the last 15 weeks. Thanks also to Mr Barton for organising them.

**Christmas Dates.** Mrs Logue has written to everyone with all the dates for the next three weeks. Spare copies are in the office and also on the website. Please make sure you have a copy. Please also note the Christmas Raffle is once again upon us, each class will have a separate prize with everyone then getting the opportunity to win our special Christmas prize of an Ipad. The raffle will be drawn during the final assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Father Simon will also be selling tickets over in church if you want to be in with a chance of winning the star prize!!

**School Bank.** Thanks to Mr Connaughton for opening our school bank on Wednesday, anybody wanting more information about our school bank please call into the office.

**“Marvellous Me”.** I wrote last week about the new App we are going to start using called “Marvellous Me”. Last week the staff received training about using it. It is hoped that sometime next week you will be able to download the App and we can start “pinging” messages to you. For now have a look at the website at [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com)

**Car Park.** The city council have improved the car park immeasurably; it is now a resource that the local community/school and Church can use for many years to come. I wrote a couple of week ago about the additional signage and the kerb being dropped shortly. As soon as I know more I will let everyone know, in the meantime please exercise great caution when entering/exiting the car park.

**Attendance for week ending December 1st 2017**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Y1F	97%
Y1C	96%
Y2L	<b>100%</b>
Y2D	99%
Y3R	95%
Y3W	96%
Y4A	<b>100%</b>
Y4P	97%
Y5	98%
Y6	99%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>98%</b>

**Please pray for:** The children in Y3 as they complete their preparations for making their first confession next week. Please also pray that our school community is filled with many graces and blessings as the season of Advent begins.

**Happy Birthday:** Zachary Ashwin, Sinead Walsh, Ava Dunne, Isobelle Thompson and Ruby Fahy

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

M. Aldred

Head Teacher.



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