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Week beginning November 25th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“Take away the cause and the effect ceases”.

Dear Parents,

Whole School Assembly. Many thanks to Mr Barton for beginning our week with a thought provoking assembly on Monday. Mr Barton reflected on Sunday's Gospel and we listened to a short clip from Cardinal Vincent Nicholls telling us all about St Jerome. The theme of the assembly was for all of us to “trust in God when we are faced with problems”. Everyone has problems; everyone can at times feel lonely, anxious, afraid and poorly. It is also during these times that we need to know that God is with us and we can trust him.

Family Mass Sunday December 1st at 10.00am. On behalf of Father Simon and indeed the whole school, I would like to extend an invitation to join us for our next Family Mass. Sunday 1st December marks the beginning of Advent and we will be lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath. Advent is a time when we prepare for Jesus coming again and a time when we prepare for him being born on Christmas day. Coming together as a school family to celebrate Mass is the perfect way of starting our own preparations so do please join us on December 1st.

On a separate note, I would like to thank Father Simon for coming into school this week and working with a variety of year groups.

Y3 Reconciliation Workshop. This will take place on November 27th at 1.30pm.

School Mass. Thank you to Y4 and Y1 for leading our Mass this morning, next week our Mass will be led by Y6 and Y3.

Y4Y Class Assembly. Thank you Mrs Young and 4Y for their lovely assembly this morning.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Award. On Tuesday, school was assessed for the “Mindfulness and Wellbeing Award”. I am delighted to write and inform everyone that school was successful in gaining the award. This is far from the end of our work but merely the end of the beginning. So much work goes on in school promoting positive mental health and wellbeing I wanted to thank everyone for their efforts. In particular, Mrs Logue for all her hard work and dedication in getting school ready for the assessment. Can I also thank those parents (Ms Brennan, Ms Downey, Mrs



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Matthews, Ms Canavan and Mr Wiater) that agreed to come into school to talk to the assessor; your support was much appreciated.

School Council/School Parliament/Liturgy Leaders and Wellbeing Warriors. Thanks to everyone that contributed to our lovely assembly on Tuesday, updating all of us as to what they have done so far this year. Many thanks to all concerned and thanks to Ms McCarron for leading the assembly.

Dan Callow Retreat Day 28/11/19. KS2 will be having their now annual retreat next week (28th) when we will be welcoming back Dan and Emily to lead our older children in a retreat. The theme of the day will be Advent/Preparation.

Car Park. Another plea to everyone to remain extremely vigilant using the car park. The cold and dark evenings can prove problematic so please park and use the facility considerately.

School Library. In school this year, we are really having a focus on Reading, encouraging a love of Reading for everyone. Part of this focus has been the creation of a new Library, a space that has now been completed. Ms McCarron and Ms Boughen have worked tirelessly in getting it ready for the children to use. It is now a resource we can be rightly proud of, many thanks to both teachers for all their hard work, the Library looks and feels like a special space in school.

Attendance for the week ending November 22nd 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	96%
Rec R	92%
Y1J	97%
Y1P	95%
Y2B	96%
Y2M	99%
Y3C	99%
Y3P	94%
Y4M	100%
Y4Y	99%
Y5A	95%
Y5M	99%
Y6B	99%
Y6M	99%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Iyire, Chimamanda, Triumph and Amy.

Please pray for Please also pray for Joyce Anderson RIP. Please can I also ask that you pray for Father Richard. Many of you will remember Father Richard; he has recently been admitted to hospital. I know he would be grateful to know that we are thinking/praying for him.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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