



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing half term holiday. I hope you are all refreshed and recharged for what always proves to be one of the busiest times of the school year as we journey towards the festive season.

## *Spotlight on... Remembrance*



This week our children have spent time focusing on the significance and history of Remembrance Sunday and on the symbol of the poppy. Many of you will have seen the beautiful display in the hall created by our Art Club and Mrs McAllister. We received huge compliments on it (and they took photographs) from the Royal British Legion representative. Our Year 1 and Year 5 children buddied up and painted poppies on pebbles which were then placed around school as a prayer focus. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising for the Poppy Appeal, it was a great success and our Prayer Leaders did an excellent job organising it.

### Awards

**Courtesy Award** – Good manners and polite behaviour.

**Merit Award** – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

**Good Conduct Award** – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Malachy C-J	Emma N	Oliver S
Year 1	Neve B	Arthur L	Lexie-May C
Year 2	Millie S	Elysia C	Jack S
Year 3	Willow M	Hester H-S	Kendall N
Year 4	Thomas F	Lilliana B	Tedd N
Year 5	Sammy O	Corey W	Alex H-S
Year 6	James E	Catherine M	Issy B

## Attendance –

Reception	93.3%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	98%	Year 5	96.4%
Year 2	98.7%	Year 6	95.3%
Year 3	95.8%		

## Whole School Mass

Father John will be celebrating Mass in the school hall on Tuesday morning. You are all welcome to join us, Mass starts at 9.30am.

## Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Bullen who are expecting their second baby at the end of April. Mrs Bullen will, therefore commence her maternity leave when we break up for the Easter holidays. Plans are currently being put in place to cover for her during such leave until her return.

## Mini Vinnies

On Monday, a new group of Mini Vinnies were commissioned with the help of Dick Brown, our SVP coordinator. The children, who are from year 4 and 5, took the pledge and were given a certificate and badge so everyone can see who they are. I have every confidence that this new group of Mini Vinnies will follow in the successful footsteps of last year's group and I can't wait to hear their plans for the year ahead.



## Non - Uniform Day and Cake Sale

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November will be a non-uniform day. We will be asking all children to wear something spotty and pay £1 for the privilege. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need. On the same day the PTA will be holding a cake sale and will be asking for donations of cakes – the bakers amongst us may even like to add a Children in Need (spotty) theme to them! Cakes will be on sale at the end of the day and all money raised will go to the PTA.

## Playground Development

This week Mrs Watson and I met with a company to begin planning our playground development. The first phase is planned for January 2019 and plans have been drawn up. Once our new noticeboard arrives we will display these plans for you to see. In the meantime you are welcome to pop in to school if you wish to have a look.



## Whole School Display

We would like to share our beautiful display that all children have had a part in creating. Each class decorated a circle using various techniques and colours. We have had lots of compliments from visitors to school. Do take a closer look when you are next in.

## KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

All children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home their second sheet of KIRFs today. There will be a different sheet each half term. These facts are a very important part of the Maths that they will be learning this year. It is expected that all children will learn these and be able to apply them to their work in class. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need further information.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all of you for your support of our Parents' Evening sessions before half term. It was lovely to see you all and to share with you your children's many successes! As ever, we had an excellent turnout, if you have not yet spoken to your child's teacher then please do make arrangements to speak to them. Working in partnership is key to each individual child's success.

## Year 2 Class Assembly

Please join us for our Year 2 class assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am in the school hall.

## Yellow/Cream forms

If you haven't yet returned your 'Home School Agreement' and 'E-Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement for Parents and Pupils', please do so as soon as possible.



### Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all the families that have donated to the shoebox appeal. All shoeboxes will be collected on Tuesday and therefore please bring your boxes into school by the end of the day on Monday. So far we have had a total of 38 donated from the families at our school. It really is a worthwhile cause and if you get chance watch the children who received their shoeboxes last year - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/> it is very heart-warming.

### Year 5 Learn French at St. Nicholas Catholic High School

Yesterday, our Year 5 children enjoyed a French lesson at St. Nicholas Catholic High school. They learned a lot of new vocabulary about school subjects and left the session being able to express their opinion on different subjects. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed seeing a lot of familiar faces as they moved through the corridors! Thank you to the staff at St. Nicholas for the experience.

### KASUPE

Following our appeal for unwanted toys please read the message below from Mr and Mrs Chilakalaka:

"We would like to say a massive thank you to all those who donated toys for Davy's recent trip to Malawi. He was accompanied by Mrs Ann Long and Mr Tom Hughes, and together they managed to transport all the toys and distribute them to the children at Kasupe Primary and Nursery School. As you can see from the delight on their faces, the toys were loved. Thank you so much, the response was amazing, even at such short notice. Love and blessings Davy and Sally Chilakalaka."



### Safer Parking Campaign

Cheshire East Council have teamed up with Cheshire Fire and Rescue, also the Police, to launch: 'Safer Parking at the School Gate' campaign. Next Friday they will be visiting St. Vincent's at the end of the school day.



### Pre-loved Children's Christmas Sale

If you have baby/children's goods to donate to the PTA to be sold, then please bring these items into school next week. Thank you.

### Dads Football: Defeat from the jaws of victory

Faced with the prospect of an unprecedented two wins in two games, SV turned on their 'samba' style on Monday night to conjure a splendidly feeble capitulation. Drawing 1-1 thanks to Chris Smith's mishit cross, Alex Culshaw had a late penalty chance to set the SV ship sailing into Victory Harbour. Displaying an entirely predictable level of technical deficiency – and in line with previous attempts by Chris Jones - the penalty was sent gloriously high and wide. In the ensuing counter-attack Rich Mansell offered a typically pedestrian defence to concede a goal before goalkeeper Matt 'Calamity' Fitton gifted the opposition another goal. This frenetic ending to the match aside, Ian Green continued his prolific run of not scoring whilst Ed Jackson's lurid green boots proved to be his debut highlight. Adequately demoralised after this 3-1 reverse SV stumble on.

Man of the match – Chris Smith

### The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 12th November 2018</b>		
<i>Last day for Christmas Shoeboxes into school</i>		
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits!	AM	
Y5 & Y6 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments		
Multisports – All Years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Mad Science	15:15	16:15
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>		
Whole School Mass	9:30	
<b>NO Y2/Y3 Recorder Club</b>		
<b>NO Y1/Y2 Christmas Crafts Club</b>		
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>		
Non-Uniform 'SPOTTY' day for Children in Need		
Parent Readers – YR, Y1 & Y2	09:00	09:20
Y3/Y4 Card Games - - (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	<b>16:00</b>
Y5 Gardening Club – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>		
Handball/Indoor Athletics (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Y5/Y6 Knutsford Primary's Girls Football	15:45	16:45
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>		
Y2 Assembly	9:15	
KS2 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>		
PTA Pre-Loved Christmas Sale, St. Vincent de Paul Church hall	13:00	16:00



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