

“With Christ as our guide we let our light shine.”

A Message from Mrs. Blicow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a great week.

We have a busy and exciting half term ahead and the school is already ‘buzzing’ with the excitement of things to come, including our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, KS2 Carols Around The Tree, The Christmas Fair and of course a visit from Father Christmas on Christmas Jumper day.

Our virtue at the beginning of this term is Hope.

“The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of everyone; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven;”

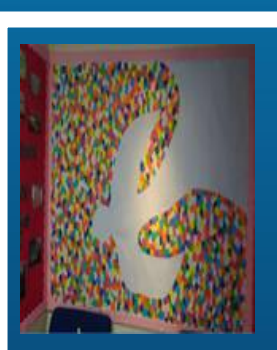
In our Gospel Assembly, we listened to the Sermon on the Mount and discovered that, in His teachings, Jesus has made it very clear how we can live good lives and be modern day saints.

Through the example shown by the saints, we learned that when life gets hard you don’t give up but carry on hoping that things will get better. You dream of a better world or something better that will come in the future. Hope encourages you to engage with your community, doing good works that make a difference.

Looking at examples of what they have done to make the local and wider community better, including fundraising, donations to the foodbank and looking after the environment, the children recognised that they were beacons of hope for the future in the many acts of kindness they perform.

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Blicow



Term Dates

Advent Term

Monday 31st October 2022

Year 2 – St. Andrew's Assembly

Tuesday 29th November 9am

Reception Assembly

Tuesday 6th December

Pantomime – Snow White

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

KS2 - Carols Around The Tree

Wednesday 14th December

Term Ends

Friday 16th December

Link To Hope – Shoebox Appeal



At St. Mary's we always like to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves. This 'helping' can take many forms, including giving up your lunchtime to help wrap and fill shoe boxes, which is exactly what some of our Year 6 children did this week. Linking the appeal to our work on Catholic Social Teaching, the children were reminded of God's preferential love for the poorest and most vulnerable people. These boxes will provide some of these people, our 'Global' brothers and sisters, with an unexpected gift this Christmas. But much more than that, the knowledge that we care.

Year 3 Have An Explosive Time



Through their class work on Rocks, relics and Rumbles, the children of Year 3 were set a homework task over half term to do some research on volcanoes. We have been inundated with all sorts of models, pictures and fascinating facts, which the children were given the opportunity to present to their classmates. One of the children even brought in a fully working model Volcano, which the children watched explode.

Quick Sticks Hockey



With the Pacesetter Games Hockey Tournament, at Kings Park, only a few weeks away, the children of Years 5 and 6 have been working hard on their ball and stick skills. Dribbling through cones and working on their 'game plan' during their PE lessons. As ever, perseverance, resilience and good sportsmanship, as well as skill, are high on the list of priorities for choosing who will represent the school at the tournament. Good luck everyone.

Royal Society Book Awards



The Science Ambassadors and Eco Warriors, 'put their heads together' to discuss the shortlisted science books for Royal Society Book Awards. Now in our third year of judging, the children were very excited to 'get their teeth into' this new batch of science books.

Firework Code



Keep safe this weekend and follow the Firework Code.

<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

Use the link for more advice.

