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*"Called to love as God loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **In November We Remember**

November is the month of The Holy Souls; a special time of the year when we pray for deceased family and friends. On Wednesday at 11am, the children respectfully observed the two minutes silence to remember and honour those who made the greatest sacrifice to secure and protect our freedom. The children in Year One have witnessed their faith in the wider community by displaying beautiful prayers on the railings at the front entrance. Do take time to stop and read them if you have five minutes.

## **Pupil Leadership**

I am proud to report that pupil leadership in school is flourishing. Last term we advertised for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to Joe and Isabelle who were appointed after careful consideration of letters of applications and a robust interview process.

This term we have relaunched our House Points System in KS2. We wanted to celebrate the achievements of significant local figures and as a result have re-named our Houses after Alan Turing, Emmeline Pankhurst, Clara Walkden and LS Lowry. The House Captains are Christopher, Antonina, Bella and Bruce respectively who are already doing a sterling job.

Under Mrs Faulkner's leadership, the Pupil Chaplains continue to develop the spiritual life of the school. Mrs Dobrowolski and Mrs O'Leary are working with our newly appointed Well Being Ambassadors looking at new ways of working whilst adhering to COVID guidelines. The School Council has been elected and is working under the guidance of Mrs Mc Erlean and Miss Matthews has kindly stepped in to lead the Eco Committee during Ms Murtin's absence.



## **Class Charities**

Once again the children have been challenged to think about witnessing their faith by selecting the class charity they wanted to champion this year. These include: Fair Trade, Breast Cancer Research, Water Aid, The British Heart Foundation, Francis House, MacMillan and The Children's Chronic Arthritis Association Arthritis. Once again I've been bowled over by your generosity. So far, the children have raised £375 in addition to £323 raised for The Oldham Foodbank through the Harvest Festival Appeal.

## **School Building Fund**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 76 families who have made a kind contribution to the School Building Fund. This will make a significant difference to improve our school environment.

## **School Office**

May I remind you that the school office is only to be accessed in emergencies or when collecting your child early from school for appointments. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please ring the school office in order to avoid coming into school. Unfortunately, we will no longer be accepting forgotten items to minimise office staff travelling around school and entering bubbles unnecessarily. I am sure you will understand and support school in this matter.

## **Book Appeal**

Last January, we invested a significant amount of money on new phonic home reading books for children in the Early Years and Key Stage One. Unfortunately, due to the short notice of the lockdown in March, many children did not have the opportunity to return their books to school. Could I urge you to check at home for any school books and return them as soon as possible in order to save school the considerable expense of replacing them.

## **Good News**

Congratulations to Mrs Bullock and her family on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby girl. I am sure Molly will make a super big sister to Saffie Jane.



We wish Mrs McFee a speedy recovery following her recent operation. I am pleased to report that mother and baby are both doing well.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs Clerkin  
Head of School

Ms Garvey  
Executive Head Teacher

### Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey

#### Diary dates:

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day as part of Anti Bullying Week (16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Cosy Pyjama Day, Raising Money for Class Charity
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y6 SB/JW - Castleshaw Centre, Delph
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 SW - Castleshaw Centre, Delph
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day - School closes at 1.30pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens



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