

### Note from the Head

This week we were visited by our school advisor Kathy Monaghan who spent time in Class 1 and Class 2 observing phonics and early reading. She was delighted by what she saw and praised the children for the enthusiasm and positive attitude for learning. Well done EYFS and KS1!

We are holding many fundraising activities in school over the coming weeks and I am aware that this time of year is very expensive for families - these events are optional, please do not feel obliged to participate.

### Road Safety Week

A huge thank you to the School Council and Mrs Harrison Scott for helping to promote Road Safety week. You will have spotted the children out at the beginning and end of the school day promoting the message that the speed limit on Chapel Lane is 20.

### Parent workshops

On Friday 13th December our school counsellor Jo will be delivering a parent workshop on how to support young people navigating experiences and emotions with social interaction, friendships and managing worry and anxieties. More detail will be sent in a letter next week

### School Council

Our elections are complete and I am delighted to announce the new school councillors for 2024-2025 are:

Year 1: Penny and Bertie	Year 2: Quinn and Liam
Year 3: Sky and Emilia	Year 4: Roman and Luca
Year 5: Zofia and Alfie	Year 6: Lyla and Daniel

### CAFOD World Gifts

Today the children had assembly delivered by CAFOD in which we learned about the importance of giving at Christmas to those in need. We will hold a Christmas Jumper Day on Wed 4th December for donations of £1 which will be used for CAFOD World Gifts. Our school council will decide what gifts we buy for those in need.

### Christmas Gift Stall

This event is now available for you to book through the SCOPAY APP. Please let Mrs Harrison Scott know if you are unable to access this.

Friday 22nd November



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**24/11/24 Solemnity of Christ the King**

***Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37***

The Mass readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King centre around the theme of true kingship. The first reading foretells the coming of the Son of Man who receives dominion and kingship over all nations. In the gospel, Jesus reveals that his kingdom is not of this world. These readings prompt reflection on the concept of Jesus as the true King, the relationship between the Mass and the Book of Revelation, Jesus in the context of spiritual battle, and the characteristics of his kingdom.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

In assembly, the children and I will explore the example set by Jesus - that you do not have to be rich or powerful to be important. He shows us that what is more important is how you treat others. What we do and say is much more important than whether we are rich or poor, or where we come from. He shows us how to welcome strangers and to be kind to people that others don't like. He shows us how to stand up for what is right and to love one another. We will spend time reflecting and thinking about what we can do to follow the example of Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions this week. Key themes we will explore are:

During the season of Advent, how can we help others?

How can we love our neighbours and share with them?

### Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- [www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/)

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Alternatively call 01772 532191

The closing dates for applications for September 2025 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Primary school applications –15th January 2024

### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations:

Week 1: Tins

Week 2: Packets

Week 3: Perishables and treats

We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year, but if you are able to, could you please send in an item each week for us to build Christmas Hampers. Surplus items will be donated to the Methodist Food Bank.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

### Lunchtime behaviour

We are introducing a new reward to our achievement assembly. Each week, Lunchtime supervisors will nominate one child from each class for demonstrating outstanding lunchtime behaviour. These children will then be able to choose a friend and on Friday will be able to sit at the 'Top Table'.

The Top Table comes with privileges such as table cloth, fancy glasses and even sweets!

**The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for their wonderful behaviour!**

**Class 1:** Arla    **Class 2:** Bertie

**Class 3:** Neive    **Class 4:** Sam

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 28th November - Class 4 & Class 1 at Mass

Fri 29th November - Dress down day for Bottles and Chocolates

Wed 4th December - Christmas wreath making

Wed 4th December - Christmas Movie Night

Thurs 5th December - Class 3 at Mass

Fri 6th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wed 11th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th December - Class 2 at Mass

Fri 13th December - Christmas gift stall

Fri 13th December - Christmas carol singing at Tesco

Tues 17th December - KS2 Advent service 2pm

Wed 18th December—Breakfast with Santa

Thurs 19th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fri 20th December - School closes at 13:15

**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week. Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Mollie and Lewis

**Class 2:** Fred and Arthur

**Class 3:** Madeline and Neive

**Class 4:** Zofia, George, Alfie,  
Darcey

