



18.10.2024

Dear Parents,

Goodness me, what a busy week we have had.

### **Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid's**

What a truly special occasion this was. We were delighted to welcome parents, grandparents, retired colleagues and friends to share the Mass with us. Our school Governors joined us and Mrs Senior one of the Assistant Heads from St Nicholas came along. Mr Hughes, Deputy Director of the Diocese education team was with us and Marian Preece from the SVP presented our Mini Vinnies with their badges. All enjoyed the Mass and all were highly complementary about the children and the service. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan for organising the Mass, Mrs Bold for the beautiful focus and offertory, to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Cooper for the music and psalm singing, Year 5 and 6 for the serving, reading and altar dressing. Thanks to Fr Paul for celebrating with us. Thank you to all staff for preparing the children so well, their responses and singing were wonderful.

### **St Nicholas Music Festival**

What a treat this was on Tuesday evening. Our Year 5 children supported by Mrs Hughes, Mrs Owen and myself made their way over to the High School in the afternoon for rehearsals and a tea provided by St Nicholas. St Bede's and St Luke's were also there.

We enjoyed orchestral and choir pieces from the talented young people at St Nicholas and it was wonderful to see so many past pupils taking part. Each primary school had the opportunity to sing two songs and our Year 5 were simply AMAZING! I was told by Mrs Hughes who coordinated the music that I was in for a treat and I certainly got one. What a fabulous experience for all involved.

The children performed one of their songs in assembly this morning and the other children thoroughly enjoyed it.

### **Netball**

On Thursday after school, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Owen took two teams from Years 5 & 6 to a cluster Netball Competition up at St Nicholas. The staff were so proud of all the children who improved their netball skills with each game. The children received their certificates in assembly this morning. Well done everyone.

### **St Wilfrid's Library**

A last call for Y5 & Y6 librarians! Please get your letters of application to me by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

### **Parents' Evening**

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for Parents' Evening. These will take place in your child's classroom. Their books will be in the corridor outside for you to look at. A small number of parents haven't booked an appointment. Please contact the office to arrange one.

## Brightening Up for Harvest

Our Harvest campaign is well under way. Thank you to those families who have already returned their CAFOD envelopes. Please return any more by next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.



We are also collecting items for the mid Cheshire Food Bank; a shopping list of desirable items was emailed last week. If you are able, please send these in next week up until Friday morning when the Food Bank will be collecting them.

## Year 6 Retreat

Next Wednesday, Year 6 will be on retreat at St Wilfrid's Church in Northwich. This very special day has been organised by Mrs Cannavan and the St Nicholas Chaplain, Mrs Gelling. It is a rosary themed retreat and a lovely opportunity for us to kick start the Year of Jubilee celebrations albeit a bit early. 'Mary as a Pilgrim.'

## Year 6 Assembly

Next Friday our Year 6 class will be sharing their Catholic Social Teaching assembly on this half terms focus, 'The Preferential Option for the Poor' which fits in well with the Harvest theme.

## Baby News

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Harkness and her husband welcomed a son, Caolán to their family. A little brother for Cahir. All are doing very well. Congratulations to them all.

## St Luke's Feast Day – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Today is the Feast Day of St Luke. In our Celebration Assembly this morning we talked about his life.

St. Luke was an evangelist. He is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke had not known Jesus when he was alive, the story of Jesus' life was told to him by his friend Paul among others.

A physician, Luke is traditionally believed to have been a Greek Gentile from Antioch (modern Turkey). A convert to the new faith, he accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey (c. 51), remained six years in Philippi, Greece, and went on the third missionary journey, the journey to Italy that included the famous shipwreck off the coast of Malta. He remained with Paul during Paul's imprisonment. Paul wrote of Luke three times in the New Testament.



When St. Paul was martyred in 66, Luke went back to Greece, where he is believed to have died at the age of eighty-four "full of the Holy Spirit."

Luke is the patron saint of doctors and also painters owing to the belief in medieval times that he painted a picture of the Virgin Mary. Luke's Gospel was written between 70 and 85, possibly in Greece. The point of view of the Gospel is that of a Gentile Christian for other Gentile (or non-Jewish) individuals. His Acts of the Apostles was written perhaps in Rome, either during the imprisonment of St. Paul or immediately after his death. In art, he is accompanied by a winged ox, the symbol of his Gospel. He is also depicted holding a painting of the Blessed Virgin.

Have a lovely weekend. God bless.

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