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Dear Parents,

Another busy week in school with Mass, nativities, sporting finals and trips.

Mass



On Monday morning, Fr Paul was in school celebrating our Mass for Advent. It was a wonderful Mass to start the new liturgical year, Year C, the year of Luke's Gospel. Fr Paul talked about preparing for Christmas not just practically but spiritually. We lit the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan and Mrs Bold for planning the liturgy and focus, to Mrs Hughes for the beautiful music. Thank you to the governors, parents and parishioners who joined us.

Our next Mass is the first day back after Christmas, Monday 6th January at 9:15am, a Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. You would be most welcome to join us.

Nativities

The KS1 Nativities this week were fabulous. Thank you to the children and staff for wonderful performances and to the parents and families for your support. It is a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. We have the Pre-School and Reception Nativity on Wednesday 18th December at 1:30pm which we are all looking forward to. If you have not got your ticket yet there is still time.

Guitar Concert

Thank you to all the families who joined their children for the guitar concert on Tuesday after school. It was wonderful to see the children showcasing their talents.

Basketball Final

On Tuesday after school Mrs Coleman and I took a team of six to the basketball finals at Rudheath Academy. After winning our cluster event at St Nicholas we joined five other teams who had won their cluster events around Northwich and Winsford. We played three, ten-minute matches. It was a tough competition but we played really well showing some excellent skills and wonderful sportspersonship. We were fantastic and came third out of six teams.

Grange Theatre – Peter Pan

Next Wednesday, the 11th December, it is our annual trip to the theatre, always an exciting day.

Children should be in sensible footwear and please make sure the children have warm coats with hoods as the walk takes 20-30 minutes.

Children do not need a snack on Wednesday as school are providing the drinks and snacks for each child. It is very important that all children are in school on time on Wednesday as we will be leaving before 9am and will not be able to wait for anyone.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help us on the day. When we get back to school, the lunch will be picnic style bags as this worked very well last year.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

Just a reminder to book your child's lunch by Monday 9th December please for this special event.

Rocksteady Concert

We are looking forward to showcasing the many talents that have been developed through Rocksteady with a concert on Friday 13th December at 10am. Parents and families of band members are most welcome.

Chester Zoo

On Wednesday, Year 5 went to Chester Zoo for the day. They were able to link the trip to their Science topic. Chester Zoo is not a usual trip for us due to the cost of entry. However, each year Chester Zoo release free tickets for schools in a sort of ballot in early summer. We have tried this a few times without success but this year Mrs Simeone was successful so the whole class had a day at the zoo for the price of the coach! Thank you, Mrs Simeone. Judging by the smiles and chatter when they returned, they had had a wonderful time, for some it was their first trip to the zoo.

May the HOPE of this first week of Advent be with you all.

Justine McEniff,

Headteacher



St. Nicholas – Feast Day 6th December

St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in what is now Turkey, where he was famous for his generosity to the poor. A host of legends have sprung up about the saint, almost all of them emphasizing Nicholas' goodness to people in need.

On such legend is that St. Nicholas heard about a family's desperate situation, and, so, after dark one evening tossed bags of gold coins through an open window. The story of the bags of gold is the origin of giving gifts on St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6).

For centuries, St. Nicholas was one of the most popular saints, with many churches, chapels and altars raised in his honour. Before the Reformation, there were more than 400 churches dedicated to St. Nicholas just in England. He was named the patron of Greece, Russia, Sicily, the French province of Lorraine, as well as many cities and towns.

All our rooms in school are dedicated to a saint. As St Nicholas is also the patron saint for children, he is our ELSA Room saint.