10th December 2018

**Statement to live by: Simple things make us happy.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this time in Advent it is important that we take time to think about those people around the world who haven’t got the things we have. The children have been asked to do jobs at home to earn some pocket money and to bring it into school for our Mission together charity. This year we are helping people that live in Jordan and helping children to have the basic equipment they need to attend school. Another way of helping is to purchase a gift through Cafod. These Christmas gifts vary in prices and can help many people with the basics to help them live safely. You can purchase gifts online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or call 0808 1400014.

**Menphys**

Well done to the Choir and Mrs Burbela for a fantastic performance of ‘Our we nearly there yet.’ It was a wonderful night and certainly got everybody into the Christmas spirit! A special thank you to John Pye for playing the piano for us.

**Christmas plays**

Well done to all the Foundation Stage 2 children who performed amazingly on Friday.

Key Stage 1 Nativity is on **Wednesday 12th December at 9.15 and Thursday 13th December at 2pm**. Unfortunately I won’t be there as I am at the Briars with Year 6, but I am looking forward to watching the dress rehearsal on Tuesday.

**Photographs**

At the Christmas production it is a fabulous opportunity to take photographs and sometimes videos as your children perform. When you come in to watch you will be asked if you are taking photographs to sign to say that photographs/videos involving other children will not be shared on social media.

Also when you are taking photographs or videos can you please be considerate of other adults who are trying to watch the performance by not standing or blocking the views of others. It can also be very off putting for the children when they are trying so hard to remember their lines and songs to see lots of phones and videos. We will give opportunities for photographs at the end of the plays and thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 19th December.** Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper and we will be asking for £1 donation for Save the Children.

**E-safety**

As Christmas approaches and particularly as many children tend to receive new mobiles,  
laptops and tablets for Christmas it is vital that we keep children safe online. As a school we have access to an online company called the Child Protection company. By taking the Parent e-safety course you can work with your child to keep them safe on the internet and learn more about e-safety yourself as a parent.

The link to start courses is:   
  
<http://www.childprotectioncompany.com/CPC/L/8FF74C51F4>

You may also want to have a look at our e-Safety videos on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXECNrRQlJ_SA2LJ4tQ0VUOB9hSdql10D>

**Sporting news**

Cross Country at Knighton Park. Some amazing results on another wet and cold afternoon!

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| Knighton Park 5th December 2018 RESULTS | | | |
| **Year 3** |  | **Year 5** |  |
| Seb Abbott | 14th | William Baker | 14th |
| Tom Baker | 29th | Seb Fitzwilliam | 4th |
| Harry Carroll | 17th | Samuele Pagani | 28th |
| James Hughes | 18th | Joseph Peim | 34th |
| Hermes Kitindi | 54th | Lucas Williams | 20th |
| Thea Addison-Smith | 19th | Fatima Randall | 18th |
| Georgiana Bates | 46th | Eliana Komakech | 19th |
| Fionnuala Brotherton | 6th | Agnes Lynch | 13th |
| Orla Coleman | 66th | Imu Omoregie | 43th |
| Florence Gribon | 15th | **Year 6** |  |
| **Year 4** |  | Milo Brotherton | 2nd |
| Oliver Anand | 1st | Jake English | 27th |
| Arthur Ducarme | 42nd | Dan Macdonald | 10th |
| Ronnie English | 64th | Evan Thornton | 11th |
| James Manville-Logie | 32nd | Fionn Trinder | 3rd |
| Kane Eastman-Huckerby | 19th | Amara Patsalides | 17th |
| Zack Kearney | 23rd | Rebecca Lunn | 20th |
| Daisy Farmer | 26th | Ashanti Ryan | 7th |
| Sophia Hughes | 25th | Niamh Spriggs | 12th |
| Chaela Dacumos | 34th |  |  |
| Amara McLaughlin | 40th |  |  |
| Sofia Palmares | 9th |  |  |
| Anna Sava | 3rd |  |  |

**British Legion**

We managed to raise a fantastic £569.40. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**Parish Bazaar**

This year we raised £3204.34! An amazing amount of money so again thank you to everyone who came along.

**Carol Concert**

**On Monday 17th December we would like to invite parents in for a carol concert. We will some traditional Christmas carols and would love you all to join in! Hope to see you there!**

**Volunteer readers**

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles……..

Can you spare one or two hours one afternoon to come into school to listen to some of our younger children read? There will be a separate letter going out after Christmas but if you are interested please leave your details with the office.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There is a lot of lost property in school. PLEASE can you check the lost property which is outside the KS2 door on the playground. It will on the playground after school next week. There are lots of coats, jumpers etc. Please make sure clothing is named clearly.

**Last day of school!**

On December 21st we will be going to the Peepul Centre to watch Snow White. All children will need a packed lunch and are to wear school uniform.

Please note that school closes earlier at 2.30.

God bless,

Mrs Crosse

Headteacher

**Dates for the diary**

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| Wednesday 12th December | Year 6 residential to the Briars  KS1 Nativity to parents in the morning |
| Thursday 13th December | 10am Drop in mass Mrs Whitmore / Mrs Slater’s class  KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm |
| Friday 14th December | 2.30- Celebration assembly  Year 6 return from the Briars |
| **Monday 17th December** | **2.30- Carol concert in school! All welcome** |
| Wednesday 19th December | Christmas dinner day- Christmas jumper day! |
| Thursday 20th December | 10am Whole school mass |
| **Friday 21st December- see separate letter** | Whole school trip to the theatre to watch Snow white at the Peepul Centre. With thanks to the Friends who have funded the trip- further details to follow.  **School closes at 2.30** |
| **Merry Christmas**  **Christmas holidays Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January 2019** | |
| **Happy New Year!!!!!** | |
| Tuesday 8th January 2019 | School opens at 8.40 |
| Thursday 10th January | 10am Whole school mass |