



**ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

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### Through The Week

The pace of life continues to burn at a rapid rate and the children are working incredibly hard, to learn lines rehearse their carols whilst keeping up with their learning! The school website continues to receive many hits; please continue to check in whilst on line to keep up with the latest news of what is happening at school. Christmas dinner will take place for the children and staff next Wednesday. These next two weeks will be full of preparation for the start of Christmas. It is important that we remind ourselves of the meaning of the season. We welcome Christ in to our hearts and our homes during a period of waiting that turns in to joy. Please continue to help your children learn their lines for the Christmas performances. With your help they will be a great success. Thank you.

### Website

Last week we set a target hoping that 150 people would visit the school website. We fell just short. 142 people visited the site from Saturday through to Friday morning. Whilst this represents a fantastic achievement please help the school by spending a little time on the site and speaking to Mr Soyka if you have any ideas that could help to make it more appealing.

This week we would like to see 155 people visit the site. Can you do it?

Two or three new items are added weekly. Do you know what has happened at school this week?

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### Assemblies and Reconciliation Service and Mass

This week the children have been very lucky to have watched and learnt from two assemblies. At our usual Thursday morning assembly 2W treated the school to a performance of the 12 days of Christmas. They were not the usual twelve days where gifts were given, these were special gifts that have been given to us from God that we can share with each other and learn to be together when we exchange them through our love . The children acted and sang with confidence and reminded us all of the need to share, forgive, love and hope as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

On Friday afternoon the children from 2D shared with the school their assembly about Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and reflection before we rejoice and celebrate. The children spoke with good voice about this and encouraged the school community to be happy this advent and to smile. They also helped the children understand about the symbolism and importance of the advent wreath. God's love never starts and never ends; it is like a ring of evergreen. Thank you children.

Mr Soyka shared time with the children from Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 on Wednesday afternoon in reconciliation. He asked them to think about their lives and to reflect on the mistakes that they had made and to ask God to forgive them. They prayed reverently and took away the message of forgiveness through love.

5S joined the people of the parish on Wednesday morning to celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier. They were very reverent throughout and as one parishioner told Mr Soyka "The children were a credit to the school." Thank you children.

### Year 4 Trip to the Verulamium

Our Year 4 children made the trip to St Albans on Wednesday to visit the award winning Verulamium museum. They were able to handle ancient Roman artefacts and immerse themselves in the life and times of ancient Roman Britain. Despite the bracing weather the children and staff had a very full day and a good day was had by everyone. Please visit the school website to see photographs of the day.

## Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to keep sending in your raffle ticket money for the Parish Christmas draw. There are some fantastic prizes to be won

## House Points

Congratulations to the children of Anne Line, this week's house point winners. Keep up the good work children.

Place	Saint	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anne Line	415
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Campion	396
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Southwell	358
4 <sup>th</sup>	Briant	340

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word has been distributed in school for a couple of terms and has been received positively by the children. It is a very simple way of sharing with your child the readings for the forthcoming gospel of the week. The newsletter will take a line from the week's Word and share with the community the importance of its meaning.

This week's line we would like you to think about is: To repent and be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do: loving God and one another.

By forgiving each other we forgive ourselves and grow closer to an understanding of the love of God. Please discuss this important message with your child. Thank you.

## Death of Nelson Mandela

We join the rest of the world in mourning the great loss of Nelson Mandela who died yesterday aged 95 from a lung infection.

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving to Nelson Mandela

The day we give thanks for the life of Nelson Mandela,  
He led a nation on a long walk to freedom.  
He fought for reconciliation not retribution.  
He argued for peace in place of war.

Let us have an ounce of his courage.  
Let us have an ounce of his faith.  
Comfort those in South Africa and across the world who mourn.  
Let the work of Nelson Mandela continue in us



**HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND!!!**