



Friday 10th January 2020

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.



Pastoral Life at St Anne's

Happy New Year. I hope you had a very happy and restful Christmas. Thank you so much for all the generous presents that you gave to myself and the staff and for the beautiful cards.

Prayers Please pray for all who are ill and especially remember our cleaner Ms Jennings, who has been off school since last October. We pray for a speedy recovery.



First Reconciliation

The next preparation session this Sunday at 9.30 in church. Any child is welcome to join these sessions even if they are not making their First Holy Communion. You should also have had a letter about the retreat day on January 18th.

This Week at St Anne's

INSET day

A huge thank you to St Thomas More for inviting the staff and students to join them on Monday for an INSET about the ethos of a Catholic School. The two guest speakers, Martin Johnson and Alison Burrows, were inspirational and reminded us all why we are in teaching and what is important. We were asked to consider how to weave challenging, thought provoking questions throughout the curriculum and how to educate children to fight for social justice that goes beyond just raising money.

Some good questions that we were left with to explore further could be a useful conversation to have in the home: Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going?

Charity

We have just received another update from St Luke's to tell us that the final figure for the amount raised at the Rudolph Run was an amazing £3,200. Thank you so much for your generosity and thank you to our friends at St Luke's and Mornflake for helping to making fund raising so much fun.

E-Safety

With so many children receiving electronic goods for Christmas now is a good time to have a chat with your child about e-safety. Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit to help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. You can always come to me if you need help.
2. What would you do if this happened...?
3. Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online.
4. Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too.
5. Be respectful to others online.
6. Think before you post.
7. Remember to ask if it's okay.
8. Remember not everything is true online.
9. The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like.
10. Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to.

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>



The Prince and the Pauper

KS2 enjoyed the New Vic production of the Prince and the Pauper on Wednesday.

As always the play was expertly produced and enjoyed by all. The tale is about Edward the son of King Henry VIII and a poor child, who lives with an abusive family who was born on the same day and has a strikingly similar appearance to the Prince. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school and their families. There are lots of issues that you could discuss with your child following the visit—eg Is it fair that some people are rich and some are poor? What can we do about it? Do rich people treat poor people fairly? Are we grateful for the wealth that we have? How much money do you have to have to be rich? Can you have too much money?

Staffing

Unfortunately Miss Brassington, who was recently appointed as Kitchen Assistant, has had to hand in her notice due to family commitments. I would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her the best of luck for the future. If anyone is interested in the post, which is 10 hours per week term time only, please contact June Stubbs on 07920 507131.

FOSA News

On behalf of the FOSA team, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

A big thank you to all who came to support our Christmas events, from the nativity evenings to the disco. In total you helped to raise an amazing £1060.91 for our wonderful school! Following on from our Christmas newsletter, I would like to reiterate that myself (Chair), Jenny Newman (Vice Chair) and Gosia Brooks (Treasurer) will be stepping down from our roles at the next AGM this Spring. We have enjoyed our time on the committee and are proud to have given our help to the school for our children; however we feel it is time to hand over our batons to the next group of parents. We will of course be on hand to help as volunteers and support the new committee moving forward.

To begin to get a new committee or group of volunteers established before July, we are having a social get together on Friday 17th January from 7.30pm at the Cronkinson pub. It would be great to see some new faces. If you can't make this but are interested in getting involved with FOSA, please contact us via email at fosa.pta@gmail.com.

Thank you - Poppy Philliben

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- 13th Jan Brass lessons start Y5
 - 13th Jan Taming of the Shrew STM - KS2
 - 14th Jan 9-9.30 Y2 Reading parents session
 - 14th June Y4 strings starts
 - 15th Jan Y1 Museum visit
 - 15 & 16th Y5 Bikeability
 - 17th Jan Y5 Brass starts
 - 18th Jan Y3 Retreat Day
 - 19th Jan First Reconciliation Prep 9.30 in church
 - 21st Jan 9-9.30 Y3 Reading parents session
 - 28th Jan 9-9.30 Y4 Reading parents session
 - 3rd Feb YR Medicals
 - 4th Feb 9-9.30 Y5 Reading parents session
 - 7th Feb NSPCC Dress as a number day – Maths Day
 - 11th Feb STAR day
 - 17th-21st Feb Half Term
 - 24th Feb INSET
 - 26th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass in church
 - 2nd March St David's House wear Yellow
 - 3rd March 9-9.30 Y1 Reading with parents session
 - 5th March World Book Day
 - 17th March St Patrick's House wear green
 - 24th March Talent Show
 - 6th –17th April Easter break
 - 20th April INSET
 - 23rd April St George's House wear red

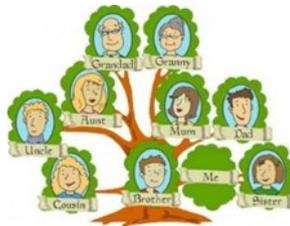


The Year of the Word

Scripture is foundational to the life of the Catholic Church and the Pope has asked us to celebrate, share and live out our faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. He has asked us to create new and renewed encounters with Christ through the Scriptures.

This year we focus on the Gospel of St Matthew. It would be lovely if our families could spend time exploring the Gospel together so each week I will cover one part of St Matthew's journey and suggest some activities for you.

The journey begins with The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah 1:1-1:17.



1:1-1:17 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

There are surprises in this list of Jesus' ancestors. Matthew's genealogy is revolutionary for his time, in that it features five women. In addition, four of the women were gentiles. Add to that the presence of some notable sinners, like Judah and King David, and the intention is clear. It lists all sorts of people, holy and not so holy, public sinners, outcasts and the type of people you wouldn't associate with. In our family tree we might erase them or pretend they never existed. This list tells us all can be partners with God in the coming of the kingdom.

Suggested Activities

- ◆ Discuss Jesus' family tree and compare it to your own family tree.
- ◆ Discuss with your child how God came for all—your child could research how the role of women and attitudes towards women have changed over time. Draw a poster to show your findings or write about it.
- ◆ Research Judah or King David—what did they do wrong? How did they change? Make up a poem about it.
- ◆ If you were Jesus and had to invite one person to dinner in order to help them to see God's light who would it be? And why? How would you get them to change their ways?
- ◆ Names are important. They identify people. Write the name of someone who is important to you, in the middle of a page in bubble writing. Around it draw or write interesting information about that person.

If you do any of the above activities I would love you to bring them into school to share. The best ones will be displayed in our school book about The Year of the Word, that will be displayed in the school Hall and shared in assembly.





St Anne's Catholic Primary School Nantwich

Christ at the heart
of all we do

Reading is vital for progress in all areas of the curriculum and for preparing your child for life beyond school. It is also an important way of ensuring mental health—there is nothing better than escaping to another world with a good book. As part of our initiative this year to encourage reading we are holding class open mornings for parents. Children and parents can share a drink and biscuit and a book. Teachers will give you ideas for helping your child to progress in reading and reading comprehensions. Do try to come and join your child for these events. They will all take place from 9-9.30am.

14th January—Y2 28th January -Y4 3rd March Y1
21st January—Y3 4th February—Y5

Reception will continue with their usual stay and read sessions.

Attendance

Holidays

As your thoughts may now have turned to booking holidays please do not book holidays in term time. This includes taking extra days before or after the school holidays. Every day is vital to your child's education and every day that your child is off not only disrupts your child's learning but that of their class friends too as the teacher then has to spend time with your child, helping them to catch up.

Illness

Please do not send your child in for 48 hours if they have had sickness or diarrhoea . Please also teach your child to wash their hands properly and to use tissues and dispose of them after use. However some children are having odd days off just because they feel a 'bit off colour'. Please do send them in as they often feel fine when they are with their friends.

Art Exhibition

On Wednesday I attended the opening of an Art Exhibition at the Nantwich Museum. The exhibition was of work of Jan Obolewicz and his Father Michael (Dreams of Nantwich). Jan currently attends St Thomas More school, but used to come to St Anne's. The exhibition is an inspiration to all our budding artists. Do go along and see for yourself. The exhibition runs until March.



Every moment matters

Year	% Attendance	Number of Lates
Reception	96.6	0
Year 1	98.7	3
Year 2	96.7	5
Year 3	95.2	1
Year 4	96.9	2
Year 5	100	2
Year 6	100	0



Stars of the week

YR

YR for settling back into school so well. Daisy B for thinking of Jesus during KS1 assembly.

Y1

Y2

Evie M for being a polite and well mannered member of Y2. Conan H for 100% effort this week.

Y3

Sam M for working super hard in maths. Bea W for being super smiley and helpful this week.

Y4

Benjamin S for an amazing and mature start to the year. Gabriella K for always being willing to help adults or children in need.

Y5

Ayrton B for trying hard to stay focussed. Zaneta A for her mature, driven attitude.

Y6

Ruby C for listening carefully and always being ready to learn. Alicia L for her consistent engagement in class discussions.

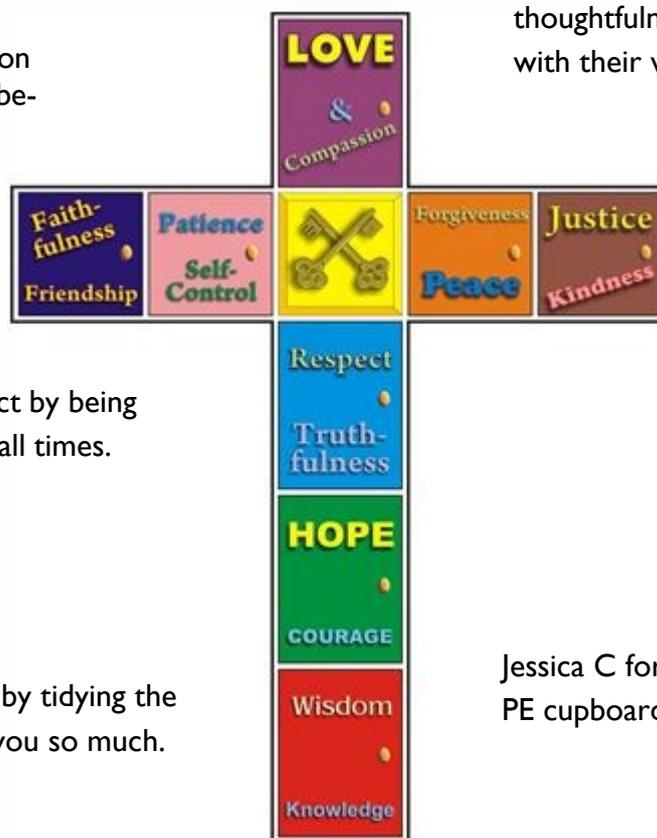


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Nathan L for appreciation
by always listening and be-
ing focussed during les-
sons.

Oliver G for tolerance and
thoughtfulness by helping others
with their work and ideas.



Hayden B-B for respect by being
polite and cheerful at all times.

William B for service by tidying the
PE cupboard - thank you so much.

Jessica C for service by tidying the
PE cupboard - thank you so much.

Well done to all of these children for helping to make
St Anne's a lovely place to learn in.