



13th November 2020



**Worship and Liturgy** – In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the famous Parable of the Talents. It reminds us of the need to make the most of the talents that we have been blessed with. A question the children were posed with today was, "Would the master have been as pleased with the 'one talent' servant if he had doubled his gifts like the five talent servant did. ? I am sure he would have been.

**Witnesses of Christ** – this half term we ask the children to be witnesses of Christ by sharing things equally, praying for solutions to inequality, feeling grateful for what we have.



### Covid Update

Despite the increase in positive Covid cases in the local area, thankfully we have not had any positive cases in our staff or pupils. There has been an increase in people having to self isolate due to somebody being symptomatic in the household or self isolating due to contact with a positive case. We are grateful to the families who have kept us informed of their situation. Please keep up your vigilance in looking out for the symptoms. Testing is much easier to access than it was at the start of term and most people who have been symptomatic are back in school in a couple of days.



### CAFOD / Children in Need



The children did very well today in their 'Walk for Hunger' around the playground. The children walked and ran a whopping 126 miles between them all! Congratulations to class 5 who walked the furthest: 25 miles – nearly a marathon! Thank you to everyone who has donated to our just giving page, we have raised £125 so far. This will remain open for another week for Children in Need. It will remain open all year for Cafod.



### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti- Bullying week. The older children will reflect on previous St Joseph's children's definition of bullying which is – *Bullying is when somebody is hurt repeatedly over a period of time. The type of hurting can include:*

**Physical** e.g. hitting, taking or hiding things

**Verbal** e.g. teasing, name-calling, threats

**Emotional** e.g. writing unkind things, spreading rumours, playing nasty tricks, nasty looks, making somebody feel left out.

**Cyberbullying** eg sending chain mail, nasty messages by text, email or other, sending messages pretending to be someone else, publishing photos or videos which could cause upset to the victim.

**Bullying is deliberate, repetitive and inappropriate**

All classes will spend time examining bullying, how hurtful it can be and how we can all support each other to recognise what bullying actually is and to put a stop to any hurtful behaviour before it becomes repetitive and even more hurtful.



**Odd Socks Day** . Part of Anti-Bullying week is Odd Socks Day which for us will be on Wednesday 18th. I did notice one little girl wearing odd socks this week and thought what a good idea it would be to make a conscious decision to be anti-bullying every time you pull your socks on. Why is it Odd Socks Day or Anti-Bullying Week ? Why not every day and every week ? If your child wants to wear odd socks to school on any day I will be happy to see it. (however if we start changing for PE again at some point in the future I might change my mind !)




**Remembrance Day** Miss Melley and Deacon Albert led the whole school in a beautiful Remembrance Service on Wednesday. A number of our neighbours in the Raglan Rd flats stood on their balconies while the service was going on. They must have been



impressed by the sight of nearly two hundred children, some as young as four years old, standing in silence and showing such great respect for those who had made the ultimate sacrifice. You should be very proud of your children. Photographs are on the website

### Celebrations this week

<b>Whole School Attendance</b> 95% – Excellent – well done	<b>Top Class Attendance</b> Foundation 98%
<b>Crew Member of the Week</b>	
1 Annika- Sailor Sam for persevering with her handwriting. 2 Jason W – Sailor Sam skills with his reading 3 Esmae – Sailor Sam for pushing herself in English. 4 Jace M – Captain Cain for his effort in maths. 5 Olivia Ch – For great effort with multiples and factors. 6 Freddy – Commander Kim solving skills with column subtraction	
 <b>Witness of Courage –</b>	
1 Grace, Jett, Miracle. 2 Sam, Joseph, Aston 3 Isabella 4 Maciej, Mollie, Lamara 5 Ellie and Charlie 6 Sam, Rufus and Harry	

### Dates for your Diary

16th Nov – Flu Vaccine Day

Week beginning 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning 16th Nov Key Stage 1 Parents evening calls

Week beginning 23rd Nov – Key Stage 2 Parents evening calls