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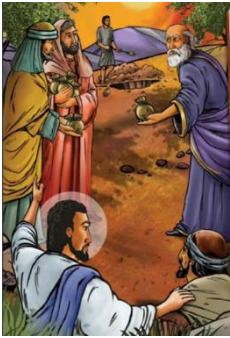
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13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place.

*“Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word.”*



Jesus said to his disciples, “There was once a man who set out on a journey. Before he left, he summoned his servants; to one he gave five talents (a large amount of money in those days), to another he gave two talents and to a third he gave one talent. After a long time he returned. The servant who had received five talents had made five more, and the servant who had two talents had made two more. The master was delighted and said to them, ‘Well done, good and faithful servants; come and share your master’s joy.’ But the servant who had been given one talent had just buried it in the ground and then dug it up and returned it to his master. The master was angry and had that lazy servant thrown out.”



## **The Wednesday word is Talent**

*“Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God.”*

Pope Francis

### **Remembrance Day Collective Worship**

The children all took part in worship this week to remember the brave soldiers who have fought and lost their lives in wars around the world. Our children are wonderful examples of how we can show others ways to create peace in our world. Please take a look at the wonderful gallery of reflections that the children have created at the end of this letter.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you so much for the generous donations towards our bright and spotty day today. The money collected will greatly help the SIFA and Edward's Trust charities. Thank you to Miss Weston for putting faith into action by organising this event.





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## Anti-bullying week 16<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> November



Next week is anti-bullying week in school. This year's theme is 'United against bullying.' This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those

who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.

To raise awareness of bullying, all children can come to school in their odd socks on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** as a reminder that we are all different and unique.

## Votes for Schools

We have launched an award-winning learning platform in school for children called 'Votes for Schools'. This gives pupils a voice on the issues that affect them the most, as well as supporting SMSVC development (spiritual, moral, social, vocational and cultural) British Values and Prevent across school. We have attached information for parents for you to learn more.

## INSET Date reminder

Please remember that **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** is a school INSET day and so school will be **closed** for all children. The full list of term dates are as follows:

### Autumn Term 2020

Term starts: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021

Term ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021





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**Praise certificates:** Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Elime, Javier, Whole of Year 3, Karen and Kaleab.

### Gospel Virtues:

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues of being **intentional** and **prophetic**. Aryan, Yoh, Lucas, Injacio and Yakob.

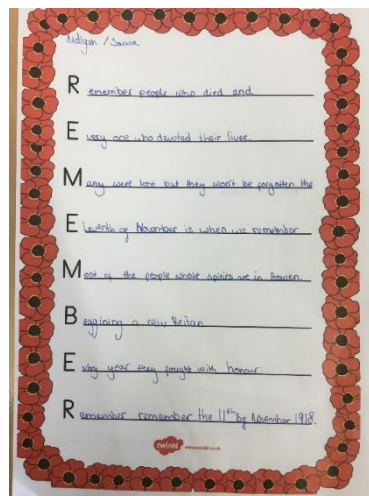
**Presentation Award:** Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in their work this week: Angelo, Niyah, Amaan, Bisrat and Junaid.

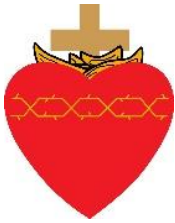
### House Points

The winning house this week is St John. Congratulations to all of the children for their hard work.

## Remembrance Gallery

*Lest we forget*






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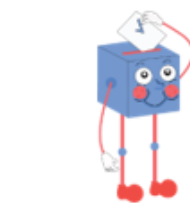



Inspiring Pupil Voice  
Parent and Carer information


VotesforSchools is a weekly current affairs voting platform designed to engage children in political and social issues. Through weekly debating and voting, not only are children learning about the world around them, they are becoming prepared for participating in our democratic processes.

### How does it work?

 Our staff use the resources to deliver a session on the VoteTopic of the week  
e.g. *Is fake news always bad?*

 Our pupils then vote 'yes' or 'no' on the VoteTopic question.

 In the session, pupils take part in debates and activities to give them a better understand on the topic.

 We get our own results back, VotesforSchools use the national result to let people know what pupils think across the country!

**Top Tips for Parents and Carers:**

- ✓ At 4 pm every Friday the VoteTopic goes live, check out [www.votesforschools.com](http://www.votesforschools.com) to see what the question is
- ✓ Ask your children to give arguments for each side of the debate, encourage critical thinking (the parent information sheet can help you with this).
- ✓ When the new VoteTopic is available the last week's result will also be on the website, look at what it is and discuss it.
- ✓ Have a think about what VoteTopics you would like to see debated and let us know, we can tell VotesforSchools.
- ✓ Follow VotesforSchools on Twitter @Votesforschools or Facebook: Votesforschools and read about articles related to the weeks VoteTopic!

Have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely

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Mrs G Elliott  
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Mrs D Cooper  
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