Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Families,

## Week 13

There is a real buzz about school today and everyone looks wonderful in their festive attire for our annual Santa dash, however the weather hasn't been kind to us. After our whole school worship this morning we were all out on the yard for our Santa Boogie to warm up for the day – it was also an opportune time for it to 'snow'! Thank you to everyone for joining in and for all the donations for the Marie Curie Hospice in Woolton.

We have welcomed two fantastic members to the Learning Support team this week – Miss Howard who has been working with 2Willow since September will be staying with us permanently and we have also welcomed Mrs Stowbridge who will be supporting in 1 Hazel. We hope that they will be happy at Christ the King and I'm sure that you will all make them welcome.

We've had a good variety of sports and competition this week, Mr Heery was out with a team at a Futsal Competition on Monday and the team did very well and came second in the competition. Mr Brady has been out in all weathers again with both our Girls and Boys Football teams, thank you to all of our competitors and to all of our supporters too.

Father Colin and Collette Kelly were in school yesterday, working with Year 4 as they prepare to know God's forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday we have the Parish Mass in school and afterwards our First Holy Communion children will have time for individual Reconciliation with Father Colin. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to anyone who took part in the Christmas Jumper Swap yesterday. We will be collecting in any unwanted / grown out of jumpers when we return after Christmas and will store them until we have a similar sale in December 2023. Similarly if following the Nativity Performances next week if you have any costumes you'd like to donate, we will have a Costume Swap in December 2023.

Year 6 have their swimming 'top up' sessions to ensure that as many children as possible leave our school being able to swim 25meters, which is not only the National Curriculum expectation but a really valuable life skill. Mr Brady has sent out information to those children involved already.

We are all looking forward to our whole school visit to Chester Zoo on Wednesday and are praying that the weather will be kind to us. It'll be great to see our group of 480 enjoying their time in the zoo and seeing a variety of animals. Please remember to send your children in their school tracksuits, in coats that have hoods. We'll send further reminders out next week.



This weekend sees the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the pink coloured candle, also known as the 'Shepherd's Candle' to remind us that there is real joy in our waiting for Christmas. Maybe you could take a moment out of your busy weekend to pause and to pray together as a family: God our Father, as we light our third Advent candle, Help us to wait patiently for the birth of your Son, Jesus, Show us ways we can share Christ's light during Advent, So that the world might know the hope and love that your Son brings. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I hope that your preparations for Christmas are going well and that you have a good weekend.

David Delaney Head Teacher

















