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Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Families,

Week 19

What have you done today to make you feel proud? There have certainly been many moments in school this week that have made me incredibly proud of all our children and staff. We started the week with Collective Worship and I asked the children to think of all the things that make them happy and to thank God for all these blessings – the challenge this week was to be a blessing for others!

Monday also saw the return of our ski group from a wonderful week in Italy. I'd like to thank Mr Brady for all his hard work in organising this visit and giving this opportunity to our children and to Ms Christopherson and Miss White for accompanying – we are so blessed that our staff give up time away from their own homes and families so generously. Our Key Stage 1 Mat Ball team were out at competition at the start of the week, they were unbeaten in the group stages of the competition and were narrowly beaten by Bishop Eton in the final. They displayed all of the sporting qualities we'd expect to see!

67 choir members and 10 adults headed off to Manchester Arena for the Young Voices concert on Monday afternoon. They spent the afternoon in non-stop rehearsals and after they had had their packed dinner they and thousands of other children performed for their friends and families who had arrived at the area. They were lucky enough to perform with Heather Small – you might have seen a news report on ITV news about this on Wednesday. Thank you to Miss Douglas for organising this.

I've seen so much good work this week and it is always rewarding to see the pride on the children's faces when they bring it down to my office to show me. There has been much to celebrate this week, including our children who are now reading in church at Mass on Sunday as well as all the work completed in school.



Year Four have spent the day in Southport, at the Eco Centre, on a Coastal Walk and in the Art Gallery. Thanks to Mrs Marsh for organising and leading this trip. All the children, staff and helpers looked very windswept on their return – they should all sleep well tonight. Mr Brady has been out today with our Rock Climbing Team – they came first in the competition and brought home a fantastic trophy! This evening we have our Mini Vinnies sponsored sleepover in school as part of their work to highlight the work of charities in our city who help the homeless. I'm looking forward to the activities we have planned and the messages the children will share. A huge thank you to Mrs Marsh for all her work with Mini Vinnies and for organising this experience.

Looking ahead to next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health week – the theme for this year is 'Let's Connect' this is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Mr Heery will be sharing information during the

We end our half term on Friday – our PTA are having a special 'Express yourself' fundraising day in school and there will also be a Donut Sale (the last one before Lent starts!) We also have another coffee morning with our Senior Leadership team – 9am in the dining room, we'd like to discuss safeguarding amongst other things. If you are free – please join the conversations.

A huge congratulations to everyone who has worked hard at improving their attendance this half term and for maintaining such high standards. We are just below our target of 97% across school. I noticed that Mr McQuiston at Our Lady of Good Help tweeted that they had 100% attendance in school today – maybe we could manage that one day next week?

I hope that you all have a blessed weekend! David Delaney, Head Teacher

















