



Value for Autumn 1:
Generosity

Community Matters



Supporting Guide Dogs



Our main charity focus for this school year is supporting the work of Guide Dogs. We hope to be able to raise enough money to name and train a guide dog puppy. Our children's Chaplaincy Team will meet with a member of the charity on 23rd September and we hope that all pupils across the school will have the opportunity of meeting a guide dog during the school year. Each class will plan and carry out their own fundraising event through the year but we will launch this year's charity work with a **MUFTI day on 7th October**. Please bring a minimum of £1 on this day and a slip of paper with your child's choice of name for the guide dog puppy we will be sponsoring.



As always, we will be supporting the MK Foodbank this harvest time. This is an invaluable charity that distributes food parcels to families and individuals within Milton Keynes who have reached crisis point. We ask that you send in donations of tinned, dried and long-life food to school **from 26th September to 7th October**.

Families and friends are also warmly invited to join us for short Harvest Prayer Services. **The KS1 service will take place at 9:00am and the KS2 service will take place at 1:15pm, both on 12th October.**



Grow and Sell

The St Bernadette's Gardening Club took part in the Waitrose Grow and Sell initiative during the summer term. We were able to grow some fresh produce in our school garden and many seedlings in our greenhouse. The gardening club then made a visit to Waitrose in July to sell some of the fruits of their labour. The children had a wonderful time and really showed their entrepreneurial skills raising ninety three pounds which has been split between our school charity, Guide Dogs and the School Gardening Club fund. We say a huge thank you to all the children for their hard work and to Waitrose for their support and help during the summer term.

CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS



Throughout the school year, each class from FS2 to Y6 will be inviting parents and carers to join them in celebrating a collective worship in the school chapel. Please take note of the dates overleaf; it is always lovely to share these events with our families.

We were thrilled to see so many family members at our New School Year Mass on 13th September. Thank you to all who came. We will have tea and coffee next time!

Prayer Zone Update

We ended the last school year with a session specifically suggested by the children. We celebrated Songs of Praise, where the children chose their own favourite songs and hymns. We even had some dancing! A lot of fun was had by all praising and thanking God through music.



We also spent some time in the final session evaluating with the children what they had enjoyed over the school year and hearing what they would like to see in Prayer Zone this year.

We restart lunch time Prayer Zone for KS2 pupils on the 28th September with an introduction to prayer and we will then be spending some time focusing on Harvest and Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing the children grow and develop further in their prayer life this school year. (Mr Penny and Mrs Bland)

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Enrolment for Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Communion are well under way in many of our local Catholic parishes. Please note that preparation takes place within the parish, not within schools. The final day for enrolment at Christ the King is Sunday 25th September.

If your child is in Y3 or above and wishes to make his/her First Holy Communion during this academic year, please contact your parish directly.

Mrs Clarke will support the children's preparation through regular prayer groups at school and will be

In touch with parents shortly to collate a list of our pupils who are planning to take this crucial step along their faith journey.



Advent Mass and Service

You are warmly invited to join us for an Advent Wreath building Mass on **Thursday 24th November at 2pm** in the school hall. Father Paul will be saying Mass for pupils in Y3-6.

The following day, Sr Yvonne will join the younger pupils for an Advent Wreath building service.



Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

(Where there is charity and love, God is there)

Autumn Term Liturgical Dates for your diary:

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| w/c 05/09/16 | New Value = Generosity |
| 13/09/16 | Mass celebrating new school year. 2:00pm with Y3-Y6 Parents welcome |
| 23/09/16 | Fi Jones (Guide Dogs) to meet with Children's Chaplaincy Team |
| 26 th Sept - 7 th Oct | Harvest donations for Foodbank |
| 28/09/16 | 2:50 Y6 Comet Class Worship with parents |
| 28/09/16 | Weekly lunchtime Prayerzone for KS2 commences |
| 28/09/16 | Weekly lunchtime PrayerZone re-commences. KS2 12:45 - 1:15 every Wednesday lunchtime |
| 03/10/16 | St Paul's Welcome to Y7 Mass 9:00 am |
| 05/10/16 | Y5 Falcon Class Worship with parents 2:50 pm |
| 07/10/16 | Suggest a name for our Guide Dog. Mufti day - please bring £1 or more and a chosen name written on the given slip of paper. |
| 07/10/16 | CAFOD family fast day |
| 12/10/16 | KS1 Harvest Prayer Service 9:00 am am- families welcome |
| 12/10/16 | KS2 Harvest Prayer Service 1:15 pm - families welcome |
| 14/10/16 | Dunstable Schools' Mass - Children's Chaplaincy Team |
| 14/10/16 | Bridgebuilder Trust assembly |
| 17 to 19/10/16 | Y6 Retreat to Rock UK |
| 19/10/16 | Y4 Lion Class Worship with parents 2:50 pm |
| 31/10/16 | New Value = Compassion |
| 01/11/16 | All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| 02/11/16 | All Souls' Day - Mass (For All Saints) with Y3-6 at 2pm families welcome |
| 13/11/16 | Remembrance Sunday |
| 20/11/16 | Feast of Christ the King (Also end of Year of Mercy) |
| 23/11/16 | Y3 Panda Class Worship with parents 2:50 pm - Note change of date |
| 24/11/16 | 2pm Advent Wreath building Mass Y3-Y6 - Fr Paul - families welcome |
| 25/11/16 | 2:30pm Sr Yvonne - Wreath building assembly with Sr Yvonne FS2 - Y2 |
| 27/11/16 | First Sunday in Advent (Year A) |
| 29/11/16 | And every Tuesday am 8:15 - 8:45 during Advent quiet prayer and reflection in chapel - drop-in families welcome |
| 30/11/16 | Y3 Kangaroo Class Worship with parents 2:50 pm |
| 02/12/16 | Bridgebuilder Trust assembly |
| 07/12/16 | Saplings B/Acorns Christmas Concert 9:15am |
| 08/12/16 | Saplings L/Acorns Christmas Concert 2:15pm |
| 08/12/16 | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception |
| 14/12/16 | 2:15 pm Seahorse and Dolphin Christmas Nativity |
| 16/12/16 | 2:15 pm Starfish and Turtle Nativity |
| 19/12/16 | 9:15 am Y5/6 Christmas Carols and Readings - for wider community and families with babies/toddlers |
| 19/12/16 | 6:00 pm Y5/6 Christmas Carols and Readings |
| 25/12/16 | Christmas Day |
| 30/12/16 | Feast of the Holy Family |

PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR COMMUNITY MATTERS NEWSLETTER OR SUGGESTIONS TO HELP DEVELOP THE SPIRITUALITY OF OUR SCHOOL TO MRS ZAMORA

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