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What a busy term we have had !

Wishing you all a very peaceful and prayerful Christmas from the Chaplaincy Team!

Chaplaincy Appointment

In October, many children from Year 6 filled in a application and highlighted why they would be good a school chaplain. After a week or so, we were called in little groups to be interviewed by Father Michael, proving why we would be suitable for this post. Most of us felt nervous, but our fears were soon relieved, as Fr. Michael was so kind and accepted what we had to say. The questions were based on the application form we filled out, and real life chaplain deeds .

Soon after, we received the most amazing news...we had made it into the Chaplaincy Team for 2020!! We were overjoyed!

We received a blessing from Father Michael. At the Blessing Assembly, we talked about how we could help people and how we should, as school chaplains, do good deeds to all. We then had the blessing and received our special Chaplaincy Team ties in front of Year 6. It was a wonderful experience.

New House Saints

When we became a new primary school, we decided to have new house saints. These are our saints: Saint Teresa which is yellow, Saint Peter which is red, Saint Bernadette which is green and Saint Paul which is blue.

St Peter was chosen as he was the first pope and the foundation of the church. St Paul was chosen as he shows the power of God to transform and spread the word. St Teresa was chosen because she dedicated her life to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Finally, St Bernadette was chosen as she shows us the importance of faith and prayer and how Mary plays an important part in our lives.

Fundraising Events

On Friday 10th October, the whole school came in wearing yellow. We did this to raise money for mental health awareness. Some classes did some activities such as: PSHE, mindful colouring and meditation. We managed to raise £490.

During Harvest, we collected a huge amount of items for St Albans Foodbank and also a Women's Domestic Abuse Charity. The donations were very greatly received.

Also another fact on fundraising, on Friday 13th November the school raised £600 for Children in Need and came in dressed in spots and stripes. Year Six did an activity on making a poster on what we are grateful for.

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Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November we performed an assembly where we talked about why we remember the soldiers who died in WW1, WW2 and any recent wars. We talked also about the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. We learnt about why we use poppies and what the colours represent: the colour red symbolises the blood that the soldiers shed; the black is for the grief for the families of the soldiers that never came back. We also listened to a famous poem called Flanders Fields and the last post.

On that same day we held two minutes silence on the 11th hour.



Dear Lord,

Bless all the soldiers that have died
In WW1 and 2 and any other wars.

Help us to be as brave and courageous as
them.

Their sacrifice help shape the world
today.

Help all the soldiers who are still alive
today.

We will never forget them. Amen



We delivered many Advent assemblies over the past few weeks.

Looking forward to 2021, we hope that the new year brings new joy, peace and happiness in these uncertain times. It has been a difficult year but through prayer and reflection we have managed to see it through.

In the coming months, we will think about the importance of family.

January - Monthly devotion to The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus; we celebrate this day on January 3rd. His name is so great it fills our souls with a peace and joy we've never had before each time we say it.

Dear Lord,

Help us to know the true meaning of your son, Jesus' name.

Let us know that when we say his Holy name it will give us great joy and pride to ourselves as well as you.

Help us to show more respect to others and the Holy family.

Help others open their eyes to you and love their neighbour as themselves.

Amen



February - Monthly devotion to The Holy Family

In the month of February, we reflect on the importance of the Holy Family. The February devotion is a dedication to them, for they are a beautiful example for Christian families all over the world. The importance of the Holy Family is often forgotten, so here is a prayer to remind us of how special they are:

Dear Lord,

Let us never forget our families. Let us never forget how strong their love is for us.

Let us comfort those who have no family and those who argue with their family.

Let us bless the families who love each other and protect each other. And, most importantly of all, let us remember the Holy Family - their love is unconditional.

Amen



March - Monthly Devotion to St. Joseph

In March, we think about St. Joseph who was Jesus' Father on Earth and how he played a very important part in his life time. He was also a very humble man, being a carpenter.

St. Joseph is a holy figure who was the human father of Jesus Christ.

Joseph first appears in the Bible in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

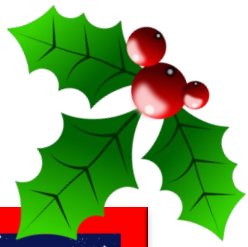
Here is a little pray to Saint Joseph and Fathers to remind us how we should respect our fathers:

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember the role that Joseph played in Jesus' life. He helped guide him and taught him to be good. May we appreciate the importance of the carers in our lives.

Amen





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Dear Lord,

Let us pray that this holiday season,

Faith replaces fear,

And hate replaces love.

At this time of year, help us to stay positive and be happy as much as we can as we welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Amen



Wishing all of our school community a Merry Christmas and a very Healthy and Happy New Year from all of the Chaplaincy Team.

