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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

I cannot quite believe we are so close to the end of term already, with so many festive events to look forward to over the next two weeks.

On Monday our Junior Christmas Carol Concert takes place at 6pm at St Mark's Church. We look forward to seeing you all there. A reminder that there are no clubs for Years 3-6 on Monday and Late Leavers will close for all at 4.15pm to allow for concert preparations.

Our younger students in EYFS and KS1 are also busy rehearsing their Nativity plays and take to the stage in the Long Room next Friday (timings below).

On Monday December 8th the PTA have planned a festive extravaganza with 'Elfridges' shopping and a Christmas Panto for all to enjoy. (Full details and payment info were sent to parents earlier this week).

On Thursday we welcomed Father John back to Laleham Lea. He had a lovely morning visiting classrooms and talking to students. He was very impressed with some of the thoughtful reflections on forgiveness from our Junior students.

This morning we were treated to a fabulous Year 6 Class Assembly on everything from WWI to Romeo and Juliet—a lovely way to end the week. Well done Year 6.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Alban

Total—1220

Edmund

Total—1192

Wulstan

Total—1171

Mayne

Total—1165

Dates for your Diary

- Monday Dec 1st —Junior Carols 6pm (3-6)
- Friday Dec 5th—Nativity Plays 9.15 & 11am
- Monday Dec 8th—PTA 'Elfridges' Event & Panto
- Tuesday Dec 9th—Y4 Trip to St George's Cathedral
- Friday Dec 12th—Break up 2pm (no clubs or Late Leavers)



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the good thief knew this and his faith saved him. Through the gift of faith, one day we too can be with Jesus in paradise.



Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Father John Visit

Thank you to Father John who visited us on Thursday. He discussed the importance of forgiveness, especially during advent with Years 4 –6 as our children will have the chance to attend confession on December 11th. He also visited our younger students in their classrooms and they were delighted to see him.



Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring emotions and discussing how our emotions might change in different situations. We have also been:

- Creating a potion in a bottle using colours that match the emotions we are feeling.
- Thinking about a time when we have shown different emotions and explaining why we feel this way.
- Using colouring pencils draw pictures of our emotions.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity—sorting the emotion pictures into their correct groups.
- Listening to the story the 'Colour Monster' and answering questions to reinforce our understanding.
- Using 'emotion puppets' in role-play to re-enact and share our experiences about feeling different emotions.



Reception

This week, our Reception class has been enjoying the story 'Owl Babies'. We created some wonderful drawings of the owls and carefully labelled them. The children also acted out the story and retold it in their own words.



In RE, we explored one of El Greco's paintings of the Annunciation. The children enjoyed linking this to our Nativity and to what they had previously learned during our Awe & Wonder lessons. The class were also very excited to welcome Father John into our classroom where we enjoyed further analysing El Greco's painting of The Annunciation and its symbolism. Father John spent time with every child looking at their beautiful work and drawings. Well done Reception for a great week!



Year 1



These last two weeks we have been using an atlas, maps and globes to help us identify The United Kingdom, its countries, capital cities and surrounding seas. Our homework expanded on this topic, and children have produced some amazing work including videos, posters and slide shows! Well done Year 1.

Year 2



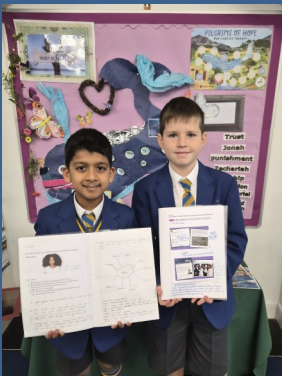
Year 2 have created their own Nativity Scenes as part of their independent, child-led learning project.

Year 3



In RE, Year 3 have been learning about the Annunciation and the Visitation. They explored this through discussion and role-play, bringing the story of the Annunciation to life with great enthusiasm. Well done Year 3!

Year 4



This week in PSHE, Year 4 have been learning about critical thinking, misinformation, disinformation and how to keep themselves safe online. The children explored how information online is not always accurate and how posts, photos, or videos can sometimes be misleading or misrepresented. They learned the difference between:

Misinformation – information that is incorrect but shared by mistake and
Disinformation – information that is deliberately created or shared to mislead people.

We also looked at how images and stories on social media can be edited, exaggerated, or designed to get attention, and why it's important not to believe everything we see online. Pupils practised spotting signs of misinformation and disinformation, and learned what to do if they come across something that doesn't feel right.

Year 4 showed fantastic curiosity and maturity during the lesson, and we were proud of the thoughtful discussions they had around staying safe, smart, and responsible online.

Year 5



In Science Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about human development from before birth to old age.

Year 6



Well done to our Year 6 students who were amazing in their Class Assembly this morning.

They took us all on their learning journey through the Autumn term where we explored, Fairness and Justice, our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Subsidiarity, WWI, Romeo and Juliet, the importance of Vitamin C and much more. Well done Year 6!



Stars of the week

