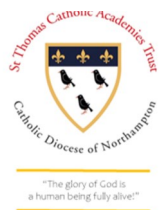


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Having celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord, we now mark and honour his Baptism. The word 'Epiphany' means to show or reveal. Jesus was shown and revealed as the Saviour and light for the whole world and all peoples for all time. Tradition suggests to us that after his baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, Jesus began his public ministry of healing, teaching and proclaiming the Good News of Gods Kingdom especially to the poor. The Baptism of Jesus then is another epiphany or revelation of God's power and presence in and through the person of Jesus.

This is first highlighted in the reading from Isaiah; **'The Lord says, here is my servant, whom I strengthen, my chosen in whom I delight. I have filled him with my spirit.'** By the time of Jesus , people have seen this as a description of the long awaited and promised Messiah; the chosen One of God. In the gospel, we are told that when Jesus emerged from the water, that **'The Spirit, like a dove, descended on him, and a voice from heaven said, 'You are my Beloved; my favour rests on you.'** This then is the moment of epiphany when the true identity and nature of Jesus revealed, not only to those who were present but to each of us today. Jesus is the Chosen One of God for all time and for all people. To see the face of Jesus is look into the very eyes of God. To hear Jesus speak is to hear the very voice of God. Jesus is called intimately by God and confirmed as the Saviour of the world. Jesus not only knows who he is, he also knows from where he comes and to whom he belongs. His identity and mission comes from God, not himself. **Jesus is Emmanuel; God-is-with-us.**



We all celebrate our birthdays and the birthdays of loved ones around us and so we should, it is celebration of our time on God's earth, however we do not recognise our Baptisms each year. Baptism was when we became sacred and royal members of God's family. Through our baptism, whether as a child or an adult, we became Sons and Daughters of God, Brothers and Sisters of Jesus and each other. Through our Baptism we become members of God's Family and Household. At the very moment of our baptism, God spoke the very same words to us that Jesus himself heard; **'You are my Beloved; my favour rests on you.'** If we only appreciated and realised the power of these words. Each of us is personally created and loved by God. This is what God says to each of today and every day; **'Do not be afraid, I call you by your name; you are mine. You are precious in my eyes and I love you.'** (Isaiah 43.1,4)

Last week:

What a week of change last week was! Thank you all as always for your continued support. Please keep an eye on your email, the schools Twitter and website for any further information. We are constantly getting updated guidance and will do our best to get any relevant communications to you as soon as possible. Please make sure you get in touch if you have any questions/queries. You can contact the school office via phone or email. Please do not turn up to the school office as it is closed to visitors.

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children:

'and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,'

1 Peter 21

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



School Closure:

- School is only open to children of those who are classed as Critical Key workers and vulnerable children. Guidance about this can be found on the below website: www.gov.uk
- Online learning will take place daily for all children. Details of all lessons and resources can be found on the website and via ParentPay.

Its good to talk!

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can Sign Up via their website referral form.



Prayer for the week

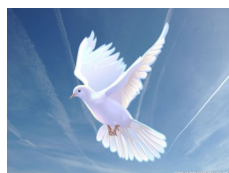
I adore Thee, O my God, and I love Thee with all my heart.

I give Thee thanks that Thou hast created me, made me a Christian, and preserved me this night.

I offer Thee the actions of this day; grant that all of them may be according to Thy holy Will, and for Thy greater glory.

Save me from sin and from all evil.

Let Thy grace be always with me.



Amen.

Cleaner needed

We are looking for a new cleaner to join our team fixed term.

The hours needed are: 3.45-5.45 on a Monday to Friday. Fixed term until February. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Star of the week

Reception:

Year 1: Oliwia. K

Year 2: Marysia.K

Year 3: Oisin. K, Lucy.A, Ines.D

Eden: Angelica. W

Year 4: Paulina. P

Year 5: Sonaksha, Nikkita, Bartosz D

Year 6: Abby, Amelia-Maria, Kornelia



Growth Mind-set

Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.



Help raise free funds for our school

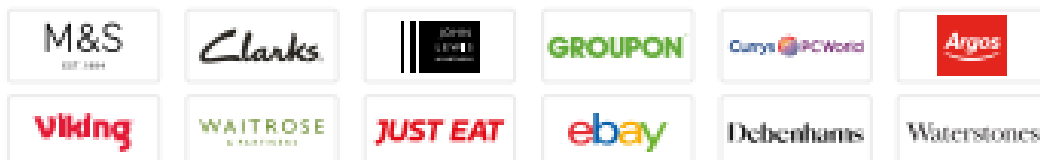
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