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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr M Sutton, Headteacher

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back. I do hope you and your families had a restful Christmas holidays.

#### Feast of the Epiphany

On Sunday we celebrated the special Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. Children across the school have reflected upon the importance of this special event, the visit of the Wise Men and God's special gift to us, his Son, Jesus our Lord.

As a school community we can approach the New Year, with the reassurance of this and the strength that Jesus is present in our lives and is with us on our journey through this New Year.



#### **Chester Zoo**

As you will all be aware from correspondence earlier, we are very excited about the forthcoming trip to Chester Zoo, for our pupils from Reception to Year Six. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils at a very reasonable price. Please see letters with key information that we shared earlier this week regarding the visits. We will be writing with further information regarding the visits earlier next week.

















#### Sacramental Programme: Retreat Day [see email from Fr]

A reminder on behalf of Fr Andrew and the Parish Catechists that there is a Retreat Day for our Y3 pupils this Saturday. This is for those children who are registered and preparing for and receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. If you have any further questions regarding this please refer to the correspondence from Fr Andrew.



### **Swimming**

A reminder that swimming provision returns for our Y4C pupils on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.



## <u>LSC – February Holiday Club</u>

Bookings are now open for the February half term holiday club and next term's LSC after school clubs. To book please visit: <u>https://www.wearelsc.co.uk/book/?venue=380</u>



# Dates to remember

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Rec, Y1 & Y2 visit to Chester Zoo Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 visit to Chester Zoo Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Feb half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Break up for Easter Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Staff INSET day Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school



### What we have been doing this week...

Reception have been on a bear hunt



Y1/2 have been print making



Y2 have been exploring pitch with the glockenspiels



Y3/4 enjoyed their first dance lesson and created still images to represent different environments





# **STARS OF THE WEEK**

RecK: Casper	Y1/2M: Freddie	Y3-4D: Jacob	Y5C: Freyja
RecW: MJ	Y2M: Honor	Y4C: L'Rae	Y6G: Ryan
Y1T: Arabella	Y3S: Hallie	Y5J: Olly	Y6W: Finley





Congratulations to our Times Tables Rockstars this week:



Y3 – Siobhan Y3/4 – Clarity Y4 – Winston Y5 - Aneesa & Olly S Y6 - Leo M & Ruby



# 2M are this week's 'Class Attendance Winners' with an excellent 99.2 % attendance, closely followed by RecK with 98.9%!

NurW	Nur/RecW	RecK	1T	1/2M	2M
95.2%	92.6%	98.9%	95.7%	96.8%	99.2%
35	3/4D	4C	5C	5J	6G
96.4%	95.6%	97.7%	96.4%	98.2%	98.6%
6W					
95.5%					

When one class wins the 'Class Attendance Winners' twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week and see the enthusiasm with which they have returned. It has been lovely to see you, our parents and friends of the school after the Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy New Year. We look forward to the opportunities that this year brings and the experiences that lie ahead for us all.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend. Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton Headteacher



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

"Where is the child who was born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and we have come to its rising, and we have come to pay him homage."