

## Some Key Dates

Thursday 10th January— Safeguarding Audit lead by Cheshire Local Authority SCIES Team

Friday 11th January—Epiphany Mass 9:30—all parents welcome

Monday 14th January— NSPCC— assembly for KS1 at 9:30 , KS2 10:10 and a follow up workshop for Year 5 at 10:45 and Year 6 at 1:00

**Wednesday 16th January—Year 4 class assembly**

**Wednesday 30th January—Year 3 Class assembly**

Thursday 31st January—Vision test—Reception Class

Tuesday 12th February—Parents Evening 3:30 to 6:00

Wednesday 13th February— Parents Evening 3:30 to 6:00

Thursday 14th February—School closes

Friday 15th February—INSET Day

Monday 25th February—School opens

Wednesday 6th March—Whole School Mass Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday 13th March—Year 1 class assembly**

Thursday 21st March— Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Friday 29th March—End of term report sent home to parents

Friday 5th April—School closes for Easter

Monday 22nd April—School opens for Summer term

### Note from the governors:

On Thursday 17th January the governing body will be meeting to discuss the full report produced during the external review of governance by the National Governors Association.

### Key Message from the NGA review:

**This is an enthusiastic governing body with skilled and motivated governors. They display many examples of good governance practice such as the use of a code of conduct, skills audit, action log and a central online repository for governance documentation, and publishing their part 1 minutes on their website. They have good processes in place to know their school, including learning walks, the use of a School Improvement Partner and the scrutiny of her reports, and inviting members of staff other than the headteacher to present to the governing body. They have also made some recent decisions that will further improve the quality of governance, including a change to their clerking arrangements, the reorganisation of their committee structure, and arrangements to allow governors to scrutinise more in-year data. Governors also demonstrate good questioning skills.**

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**This week we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany ! ( 6th January )**



### What is Epiphany?

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian festival, which starts on 6 January.

It is a special date in the Christmas story as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something.

We are all God's children, no matter where in the world we live, no matter where we come from or what we look like. We are all members of the same global family. And so we try to be loving, kind, generous and bring peace to all people, so that others may see the fruits of the Holy Spirit and our baptism in the way we behave.

**God of love, we are members of one worldwide family. As we gather at your table we give thanks for your love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to show your love to others in all that we do.**

**Amen.**



All parents are invited to attend Mass  
at St Benedict's Church on  
Friday 11th January at 9:30  
The school will be celebrating the feast of  
the Epiphany.

Miss Mary Kilcoyne will attend Mass on Friday 11th January to receive the cheque ( £350 which is half of the proceeds from nativity ticket sales) and will collect the toys donated by parents.

Mary will take the toys and cheque for Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury and will ensure that the gifts are distributed on your behalf to families in need.

Thank you for your kindness.

**Parents evening: ( 12th and 13th February 2019)**

Booking will be open from Monday 14th January from 9:00AM. Guidance notes can be found on the school website under links. Contact Mrs Munro in the school office if you have any difficulty making a booking.

**Health and Safety— Contractors on site**

The school car park is out of use for this week and next week as a new fence is being erected along the edge of the field adjacent to the stream and the contractors require the car park area to host their resources and utilities.

A new fence is also being erected along the path way into the school entrance to enable pedestrian access to be separated from the vehicular access.

The current bike racks will be taken down as they could present a hazard being on the car park side of the fence. We will relocate the bike racks to a position within the school perimeter fence at a later date .

The gate across the school drive way will continue to be locked from 8:45 to 9:15 and again at 3:15 to 3:45 to ensure pedestrians do not enter school via the vehicular access.

Should you wish to drop off or collect your child from the out of hours club it will be possible to drive along the school drive way and park in the bays we have left for your convenience.

We encourage all parents to park at the church car park and to avoid parking outside of the school and causing a hazardous obstruction.

Thank you for your patience . We hope that the work is completed no later than 25/01/19 and hopefully before.

**Some staff changes from January 2019 .....**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Grace back to school following a long period of sickness absence . Mrs Grace has been granted flexible working hours therefore Mrs Grace will work 2 days each week from January 2019. Mrs Grace will teach Year 2 for one day and Year 5 for another . Miss Aitken will continue to teach year 1 until the end of the academic year.

Mrs Jo Everett will join the Year 5 and 6 teaching team and will provide support to the children within Year 5. Miss Danielle Regan will support the children within Reception class.

Mrs Almond has been granted flexible working hours and will work 2 days each week from January 2019. Mrs Almond will provide support to the children within Year 1 for one day and within Year 5 for one day



As part of our ongoing support to safeguard children .....

On Monday 14th January a representative from the NSPCC will attend school to deliver the Speak out. Stay safe programme.

R, Y1 and Y2 assembly—9:30 to 9:50

Y3,4,5 and 6 assembly—10:10 to 10:30

Year 5 workshop—10:45 to 11:45

Year 6 workshop—1:00 to 2:00

