

### Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a peaceful and joy filled Christmas. This short first week back has allowed the children and staff to ease back into the school routine without the demands of a full week. Some tired children by this afternoon.

#### Christmas

Thank you all for supporting the Carol Concert in St Wilfrid's Church, it was a beautiful retelling of the Christmas story through words and carols, led by our key stage two children and a fitting end to the term.

On behalf of myself, the office staff and the teaching and non-teaching staff, thank you for the thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts.

#### Welcome

Over the next few weeks we will be welcoming three new families to school.

## Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

Thank you to Fr Paul for saying Mass this morning, for the Feast of the Epiphany. It was a lovely service prepared by Mrs Cannavan and Year 4 led the Liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for the lovely music.

## Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and other devices.

Lots of new tech out there after Christmas! Please ensure that Parental Controls are enabled and that the checking of new devices becomes routine so as to prevent children accessing unsuitable sites or groups. The latest edition of the online safety newsletter has been sent to you today.

We allow our oldest children to bring a mobile phone to school so that they are contactable when walking home. We require email permission from a parent for them to do this. Phones must be switched off before children enter the site and must be taken to the school office straight away and collected at home time.

Smart watches with internet or photograph capability are not to be brought into school. Fitbits without internet capability are allowed.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that the winter PE kit includes navy, no logo joggers. I have seen a rainbow of colours this week as well as leggings which are not school PE kit.

Lots of new coats in school. Please ensure that they are clearly labelled.

## Pick Up

Please do not park at the side of St Nicholas Sports Hall at pick up time or on the roundabout as it reduces the flow of traffic on the campus and walking children across to the roundabout is very dangerous.

# First Holy Communion - Parent Meeting

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January we are having an informal Parent Meeting in school at 5pm. It should last about half an hour.

The meeting is open to **any parent of a child in Years 4, 5 or 6** who is a baptised Catholic or who wishes their child to be baptised into the faith.

It is a meeting to find out more about the First Holy Communion programme before the enrolment Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am at St Wilfrid's Catholic Church in Northwich town centre.

# Year 6 Outward Bound Trip to Ullswater 2024

Meeting for parents at 5pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall.

# **Year 2 Class Assembly**

This will be at 9am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Parents of Y2 children are welcome to attend.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff, Headteacher