



The Communicator

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Best attending class the last week of term was Year 2 with 97.4%

• High school 2019 - Applications now closed

- Reception class 2019 - Applications are now open and close on 15th January 2019
- Nursery class 2019 - Applications open on 3rd December 2018 and close on 31st January 2019



Health and Safety

Now that the cold weather is fast approaching we would like to remind you to always walk on the designated main paths around school when snowy/icy and to read the gritting policy on our website :- [About us/Key Information/Policies/Gritting policy](#)

Happy New Year

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We have had an excellent start to the new term; the children have settled back into school well and have worked very hard this week. Our new Vice Principal, Mrs Wilson, joined us this week. Mrs Wilson will be teaching Y6 each morning and Y4 on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. I know that you will make her very welcome

SENCO

Miss McGough is our new SENCo. She is responsible for overseeing the support given to any children with Special Educational Needs. If you do have any concerns or queries about additional needs, Miss McGough or myself will be very pleased to help. Further details can be found in the SEN policy on our school website

Collecting children after school

We would like to remind parents to collect their children on time after school

Sitting outside the office is for one-off emergencies only and children being repeatedly collected late will be taken to the After club where a minimum charge of £5 will be payable

Please see dates on the back of this newsletter

Star of the Week



Nursery - *Sophia Santos*
 Reception - *Bonnie Blue Braddock*
 Year 1 - *Lexi Jones*
 Year 2 - *Lillian Nounga-Vanderpuye*
 Year 3 - *Jacob Hewitt*
 Year 4 - *Alyssia Hammersley*
 Year 5 - *Callum Sloan*
 Year 6 - *Achim Mpofo*

Citizenship award

(for showing attitude and actions of being an excellent citizen of St Joseph's)

Year 1 - *Leighton Kelsall*
 Year 2 - *Elsie Hodnett*
 Year 3 - *Bailey Sandbach*
 Year 4 - *Scarlett Bailey*
 Year 5 - *Callum Sloan*
 Year 6 - *Achim Mpofo*

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Year 1 - *Ava Kearney*
 Year 2 - *Muskaan Rizwan*
 Year 3 - *Anya Wilshaw*
 Year 4 - *Mary Ann Potts*
 Year 5 - *Isobel Hewitt*
 Year 6 - *Nicole Pilupczuk*

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Mass Times

Kidsgrove (6.30pm) Saturday
Goldenhill (11.00am) Sunday
Packmoor (6.30pm) Sunday

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 14th January** – Flu vaccinations for Reception to Y5 children
- **Wednesday 16th January** – Y3 and Y4 visit to the synagogue
- **Thursday 17th January** at 9.30 - Mass in school for Y1 and Y2. Y2 to lead the readings
- **Monday 21st January** – Y4 Bikeability
- **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January** - Y6 Bikeability
- **Thursday 24th January 9.30** - KS2 Mass Y4 to lead the readings
- **Thursday 24th January 3.30pm and 5.30pm** - Y6 Parents Meeting to given information about SATs, Confirmation and Stanley Head
- **Monday 28th January 2.30pm** - Y4 Parents invited to a class prayer service to celebrate the feast of their class saint St Thomas Aquinas

If anyone has found a NERF mask which was lost on toy day before Christmas could they please return it to the office. Thank you

Outstanding dinner money

Unless you have a prior agreement with Mrs Hamilton, if you have been in arrears for more than a week, you will be asked to send your child to school with a packed lunch until you have cleared the account

We have had a lot of parents still wanting to pay with cash for trips and dinners etc at the office. We no longer have cash collections by Security Plus in school so payments need to be made online. The only cash payments allowed will be for uniform sales, if you have no access to the Internet or under extreme circumstances only

Omegle app

I have been made aware that some primary age children in Stoke on Trent are using an app called Omegle. Omegle is for children aged 13 and above to meet and talk online to other people. There are concerns that some adults are using the site in order to harm children. Please check whether your children are using this app. As always, please keep an eye on what apps and games your children are using and who they are talking to

Flu vaccinations – Monday 14th January 2019

Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Team.

We shall be visiting school on **Monday 14th January 2019** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to Reception to Year 5 children.

Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already.

If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible .

If you have mislaid the form please contact the team on **03001240366** to complete a verbal consent form over the phone. Thank you



This half term our virtues are eloquent and truthful. We are eloquent when we use words well to explain our ideas. In assembly, I challenged the children to use kind, helpful and truthful words just like Jesus did.