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## This Week's Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus told the parable of the wedding banquet to show the people that God has invited everyone to His kingdom yet only a few will actually be chosen to enter. This reminds us that it is our actions not our words that are important. The parable explains how those that the king thought were friends were not interested in attending his child's wedding banquet and in the end random people from the street were chosen to come and enjoy the feast instead. This in many ways would be a good place to leave the story, the rich and wealthy rejecting a request and the poor humbly accepting it. However, Jesus then goes on to tell us how one of the guests insulted his host by not dressing appropriately. It may seem a small point but it shows that everyone is invited to the Kingdom of God, but not everyone will be allowed to enter. The rich and wealthy simply did not bother to accept the invite, while the rude guest accepted the invitation yet did not behave accordingly.



## All Saints Day

On the first Wednesday back from the half term break there will be a whole school mass to celebrate All Saints Day, which is a Holy day of Obligation. Our Phase 3 children will be helping Father Sean to lead the Mass and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. The mass will start at 10.00am in St Stephen's.

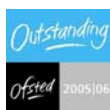


## St Winefride's Day

Following swiftly on from All Saints Day we will be delighted to celebrate the feast day of St Winefride on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. There will be an assembly in St Stephen's at the usual time of 10.00am. Class 5K will be performing and we would love to see you all there.

## Fireworks

We have entered what has now become a virtual 'Firework Season'. Diwali celebrations are in full swing and the shops are full of fireworks displays as Guy Fawkes Night draws nearer. Please be careful if you are using fireworks and follow the 'firework code' at all times.



## Holy Cross Visit

Classes 3G and 3/4H had a wonderful day at Holy Cross meeting their Year 3 counterparts and enjoying a buffet lunch and trip through the forest trail at the back of their playground. We are looking forward to inviting Holy Cross back to our school later in the Year.

## Parents Choir

Well it has crept up on us again and we are looking for recruits to join our Parents Christmas Choir! The first practice session will be at the Coffee Morning on St Winefride's Day. Don't worry there will not be any auditions, swivelling chairs, judges houses or six seat challenges! If you would like to take part the only requirement is wanting to take part. Please pop along and join in, you know you want to.



## Governors Fund

Another reminder that the Governors Fund is a £20.00 per family voluntary contribution. One of the quirks of the new cashless payment system is that you cannot overpay, which in the main is a very good thing! However, some of our parents are very kind and like to donate a little more to the fund and we are extremely grateful for this. Therefore we set the limit at £50.00 to enable those who wish to donate more to do so. Unfortunately this has led to some parents receiving a text message asking them to pay more. Please ignore these messages if you receive them, we are grateful for anything that you are able to contribute.

## Lost Property



Just a reminder that ALL of the lost property will be disposed of after the half term break. Please check the boxes to see if your child's lost property is there. If you find a jumper etc. that will fit your child please feel free to liberate it from the box.

## Assembly Videos

All of the videos of the class assemblies are now up on our website. Please follow this [VIMEO](#) link if you are viewing online or click on the VIMEO logo at the bottom of the home page. The video from the Osmington Bay Residential Visit has also been uploaded. A huge thank you to Mr McAteer for all his hard work on this.

## Commonwealth Youth Orchestra

The children are meeting every two weeks (the next session is after half term) to prepare for some very high profile events in the next two or three months. We are unable to announce exactly where and when the children will be performing but we are assured the venues will be as prestigious as previously and some are sure to be televised!

## Before and After School Clubs

Before and After School Clubs will resume after the half term break. The West Ham United coach may want to re jig his club slightly and we will let you know after the first session on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

*Dear Father,*

*Thank you for inviting us to join you in your heavenly celebration. If there are any here today who have not accepted your invitation, we pray that today will be the day. In Jesus' name we pray.*

*Amen.*

*God Bless You,*

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