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This Week's Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)



In the Gospel this week Jesus tells us how the ten bridesmaids were waiting for the bridegroom and how only five of them were prepared properly by having oil for their lamps. As they had to wait for longer than expected, it became necessary to light the lamps before going into the hall with the bridegroom. It is of course interesting to note that the other bridesmaids had lamps, but had not thought to bring oil for them. They then missed the wedding as they had to go away to find oil and by the time they got

back the doors were shut. This parable lets us know that there is no point in being almost ready for God, you must always be ready all of the time if you wish to enter His kingdom.

Choir Visit to Christ's College Cambridge

We are delighted to let you know that our choir have been invited to join the choir of Christ's College Cambridge in rehearsing Christmas Carols. It will be a wonderful chance for the children to sing with International Class musicians. They are off to Cambridge this Friday and we are sure they will enjoy their day!

Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight Runs between 20/11/17 and 03/12/17. It is a wonderful way of introducing children to the concept of saving energy and also money! Please take the time to show your children that you are saving energy by switching off lights when you leave the room and also by telling them that 'Standby' isn't the same as OFF. Although electrical devices such as TVs are much more energy efficient these days, it still costs everyone MORE if you do not switch them off altogether. The same goes for DVD players, games consoles etc. However the biggest drain on energy and finances is, perhaps, not switching off your phone charger



Remembrance Day

The School Council attended the Annual Remembrance Day Service at Cental Park last Friday. As usual they were a credit to themselves, their parent/carers and the school. Thank you for donating generously to the school's poppy appeal. The money raised is all donated to the Poppy Fund which helps former service men and women overcome difficulties.



Christmas Jumper Day is Back!

Not only is it back, but it is back with a bang! On Friday 15th December we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day and the children will also be having their Christmas Dinner too. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better we will also be having our Christmas Carol Service at the Friday Assembly as well! Please do not feel that you have to spend lots of money on a new Christmas jumper. The children may simply wear Christmas colours, red, green, silver, gold etc. or just wrap a piece of tinsel around their wrist. As usual we would request a £1.00 donation to the Save the Children charity.



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.



Marathon Kids

The scheme is now up and running! So far, at the time of writing, 136 children have taken part, running a total distance of 463km at an average of 3.4km per runner. We are also delighted to say that 13 children have completed 10km and one child has reached the Half Marathon Milestone. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts so far and a really big thank you to the Marathon kids Ambassadors who are organising the event every lunch time.



Anti-Bullying Pledge

We have just begun Anti-Bullying Week and we are asking the children, staff, governors and yourselves to sign a 'No Bystanders' pledge. The idea is that if we all refuse to be bystanders and let bullies get away with their behaviour, we may eradicate bullying altogether, throughout society. We will be sending the forms home for you to sign this week and they will also be available at Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning.

Black History Month Committee

If you would like to join our Black History Month Committee please leave your name and contact details at the School Office. We have already received a number requests from the community to be involved and Mr Underwood will be contacting everyone in the near future to organise a meeting.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Heavenly Father,

One day we are going to meet you face to face. We pray that we will all be ready. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

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