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**Friday 6th January 2023**

## **Happy New Year!**

Welcome back to a new year of learning and growth! We hope that your Christmas holidays were restful and enjoyable.

As we start the new year, today we have celebrated the **Feast of the Epiphany**, which celebrates the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. This is a time of revelation and understanding, and we encourage our pupils to think about what they hope to learn and discover in the coming year and how they can share their special gifts as the wise men did.

### **Next week's word of the week is: Discipleship**

Being a disciple means following a teacher or a way of life, it's where we get the word discipline from. It reminds us that to follow Jesus we have to live like him and shape our lives in a way that reflects who he was and what he taught. This week we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the start of his active ministry. That ministry would go on to change the whole world and just like then, we are called to be disciples of Jesus today.

### **First Holy Communion Instruction**

If your child is in **Year 3 or above** and would like to request instruction for First Holy Communion this year, please complete and return the parish form as soon as possible. Once all numbers and arrangements across the parish are finalised, further details will be sent out in the new year. The **date for the First Holy Communion is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, time TBC.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is extremely important for primary school pupils. It is a vital part of their education and can have a significant impact on their academic success. When students miss school, they miss out on important lessons and instructions that can help them to understand and learn new concepts. In addition, regular attendance helps students to develop good habits, such as punctuality and responsibility. It also helps to establish a routine and a sense of structure in their lives, which can be beneficial for their overall development.

It is therefore important, to make sure that your child attends school as much as possible. If a child is consistently absent, they may fall behind and have difficulty catching up, which can lead to frustration and poor achievement.



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## PE Days

This term's PE days starting from **Monday 9th January**

Reception- Tuesday

Year 1- Monday and Wednesday

Year 2- Monday and Thursday

Year 3- Wednesday and Friday

Year 4- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6- Monday and Friday

**Parents evenings-** Based upon parent voice, we are offering these meetings to be held both in school and remotely.

**Year 6:** Tuesday 24th January between 8am and 5.30pm.

**F1 to Y5:** Thursday 9th February between 3.30pm and 6pm.

Bookings for both of these will be via parent mail in due course.

The next **parent voice group** is on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** this will be an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about keeping our children safe whilst on the internet.

## After school clubs: Lenten term

Please see below for our after-school club offer for this half term. After school clubs will begin on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Please book and pay for these via parent mail.

Extra Curricula Activities - Starting Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February			
Day	Club	Time	Price
Monday - Mansfield Town Football	Mansfield Town Football Y2-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 25 places
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday	Multi-Sports	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday	Electronic and Board games Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Nottingham Diocese	Choir - St. Philip Neri Church (run by the Diocese of Nottingham)	4.30 - 5.45	Free of charge
Thursday	Dance and Cheerleading Y1- Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places



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### Residentials

We are pleased to offer the following residentials this year:

**Y4-** 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June at the Mill Adventure Base

**Y5-** TBC

**Y6-** 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July at the Briars

More information to follow during the next couple of weeks.

### Admissions to Primary School September 2023

Please see the admissions information below regarding applying for a place in school for September 2023.

#### Applying for a place in school for an F2 place.

If you live in Nottinghamshire and require a school place for your child in September 2023, you will be contacted by Nottinghamshire County Council with further information and their Admissions form which must be completed so an F2 place can be allocated.

If you do not receive any information from Nottinghamshire County Council, please call the Admissions Team on this number: 0300 500 8080.

If you are applying on faith grounds, you will also need to complete our supplementary form which is available from the school office or via school website.

An allocation of a place in Nursery does not grant a place in Main School.  
All applications must be made via Nottinghamshire County Council.

First admissions dates to remember: Children starting school for the first time. Relevant age group: Reception: children born between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

National closing date for applications: **15th January 2023**

It is extremely important that you complete your application on time. Applications received after the closing date will be ranked and considered as late.

Please use this link for the parents' guide to admissions:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/5066236/admissionguideforparents2023-24.pdf>

In prayer and partnership,  
Mrs J Smedley  
Head teacher