St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

I am sure that many of you will have seen the article in the Bournemouth Echo on the 6th January, celebrating the fact that our Year 6 combined results of 90% of children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths were highest results in the BCP area. We know that the SATs are only one measure of all our children's achievements, but we are proud of this acknowledgement of their efforts, and the hard work and commitment of the whole school community which goes into helping our children to be the best they can be! If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, you can see the article here:
https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/24820596.best-primary-schools-bournemouth-christchurch-poole/

On Wednesday, the children were treated to a super pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty. (Many thanks to the PSA, who funded this for the children). Luna in 3NL writes: '*The pantomime was really funny. My favourite character was Silly Billy – he made us laugh!*'. Joshy in 3NL writes: '*I really enjoyed the music and dancing in the pantomime. My favourite parts where when the baby was born and the spell was cast. I loved it when Mr Browne had to do a dance!*'

Parents' Evening

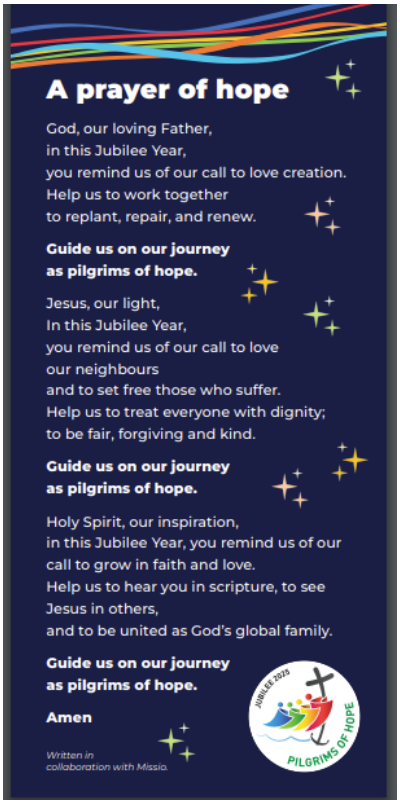
You should have received a letter with information about our Parents' Evening this term which will take place here in the school on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. These will be in person appointments. You will have a chance to look at your child's books, but **your children should not attend this evening –** this is for adults only. If you have no option but to bring your child with you, they must sit with you, and must wait quietly outside the classroom while you go in for your appointment – they must not wander around or play in the corridors or playground. Just a reminder that these appointments are no more than ten minutes – this is a long evening for the staff, and if you run over it has a knock on effect for the other parents and the staff. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment as soon as possible via WisePay, and please make a note of the day and time. **If you miss your appointment, we will not be able to reschedule it.**

Jubilee Year 2025

No Stars of the Week this week, as we had a different type of assembly this morning. Pope Francis has named 2025 as a special Jubilee Year. In the Jubilee Year, school communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together to build God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

This morning, the Chaplaincy Team from Year 6 presented a special Celebration of the World to the whole school, launching the Jubilee Year at St Walburga's.

Pope Francis has called the Global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with deep faith, lively hope and active charity. Our scripture for the launch day was the reading from St Luke's Gospel in which Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring justice and freedom. Inspired by his example, we can share in his mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. In this very special year, we are invited to journey together as pilgrims of hope, putting faith into action to build a better world for everyone.



Dates for your diary:

Wed 5th Feb	All day	Year 4 visit to Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester.
Tues 11th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 12th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 14th Feb	2.50pm	Break up for half term
Mon 24th Feb	8.50am	School starts after half term break

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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