



# *St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Children,

## **Collective Worship**

This week our theme has been “Be Still”, we have focused on how we can make room for God in our lives by giving some time to stillness and quiet.

## **Big Book Bus**

The children enjoyed the book bus yesterday and the chance to browse the books with their friends. There will be some titles that may make it onto a Christmas list judging by their popularity!

## **Isle of Man – Beach School Visitor**

Our Beach School programme is attracting attention from abroad (over the Irish Sea anyway!) and we had a visit from the Headteacher of the biggest primary school on the island yesterday. Anna Jackson came to find out what we do and was really impressed not only with the Beach School activities but also what she saw of the children during her visit. “Calm, purposeful and a happy place to be” were her words.

## **Tesco Bags of Help Bid**

We are delighted to have had a successful bid to be one of three projects entered into the Tesco blue tokens competition from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. We would love to win £4000 which is the top prize in order to continue with our playground development. Please start asking for and saving your blue tokens from now so that we can have the best chance of winning.

## **Harry's Scooter Appeal**

Our children have voted to launch an appeal to raise money for a special playground scooter for one of our pupils, Harry Halpin in Class 3. The scooter would enable Harry to play out with his friends more easily as his legs get very tired and he is spending his playtimes indoors instead of outside. The School Council have voted to use the proceeds from the Christmas Play collections and programme sales to start the fund which has a target of £1200. The children also want to hold a “Bring your bike or scooter to school” day next term and they have lots of other ideas. The children voted overwhelmingly to have this as their priority fund-raising project; they felt it was more important than any of the other projects and I was delighted with their decision.

## **Whiteboard Replacement – PTA Funded**

Thanks to the funds from your PTA contributions last year we are able to begin replacing our classroom interactive whiteboards with the latest in touchscreen technology. The new equipment will be installed during the first week in December in Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

### **P.E. Kit**

This is a reminder that we do now expect all children to be wearing school colours for their P.E. kit: black bottoms, P.E. t-shirt and a red top (red sweatshirt or school jumper/cardigan). Most children in most classes have adopted this and they all look really smart on their P.E. days - thank you for your support with this.

### **PTA Diary dates:**

29<sup>th</sup> November - Film Night - "Elf"

30<sup>th</sup> November - Non-Uniform Day (Juniors - unwanted gifts, Infants - unwanted cuddly toys)

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Plays - (letter with details out today)

### **Website Calendar**

Don't forget to check the website calendar for new dates and forthcoming events.

[Click here to check the events on the website.](#)

### **Family Mass**

The Family Mass date sent out for 23<sup>rd</sup> November will not take place. The next Family Mass is at 12 noon on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Usually mass is at 9am each Sunday and the Children's Liturgy Group are always pleased to see all the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan