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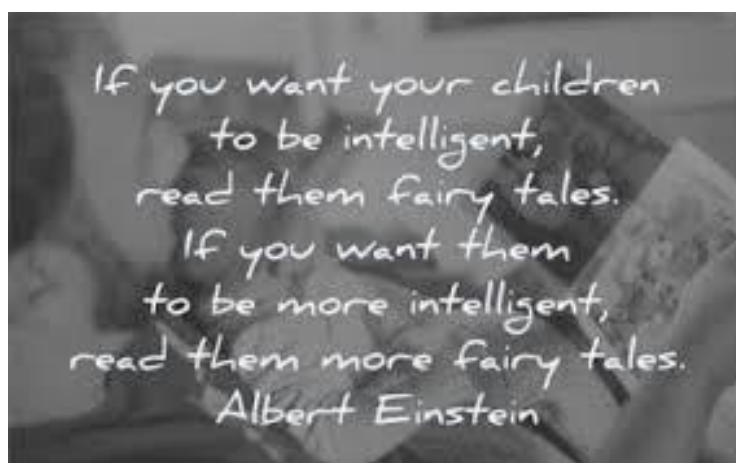
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## Newsletter

### 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



#### Pyjama Day

We have added a new date to our Christmas celebrations – Pyjama Day!! This will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Pyjamas can be Christmassy or not. If children would prefer to come in something else that is comfy, that is fine too.

We are asking that children pay £1.00 to join-in to go toward the SVP's Gift of Kindness Appeal. All monies raised go towards the SVP Cost of Living Support Fund to help people who are struggling in these challenging

times.

Every £1 given to the appeal will be matched with another £1.

### Roman Road Building in Year 4

The children started to create their Roman road by digging a ditch and deciding on the depth and width of the road. As a result of this lesson the children understood why and how Roman's created successful roads.



### Monies Owing

Could we please ask that parents pay any outstanding monies, particularly Breakfast Club and dinner money. We are carrying over £400 in parental debt currently. If you have received reminders and then letters prompting you to pay that have gone ignored, we will be forced to ask that you send your child in with sandwiches or temporarily freeze access to your child's place at Breakfast Club. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.



## Church on Sunday

We will be celebrating in St Mary's Church on Sunday, please join us at 11am. You do not have to be Catholic to attend. It would be wonderful to see you there.



## Things You Didn't Know About the Feast of

### Christ the King

On the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, more commonly known as the Feast of Christ the King.

The last Sunday of the liturgical year (next week is Advent!), this feast reminds us that whatever earth powers may do or ask of us, Christ is the true king that should reign in our hearts.

### **It was instituted less than 100 years ago in 1925**

In the aftermath of the First World War, in the midst of the rise of Communism in Russia, and during the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea (325), Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas*, though its first celebration took place in 1926.



**In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the feast, giving it its current name and date**

Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current full title (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe) and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

**The feast was a response to the rise of**

### **secularization, atheism, and communism**

While the world was increasingly telling Christians that they must compartmentalize their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government, Pope Pius XI wrote regarding the feast: If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He

must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone.

**Despite its recent Catholic origins, the feast is celebrated by many Protestants**

Even though it was created by a pope less than a hundred years ago, some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians celebrate the feast.

**In the protestant Church of Sweden, this Sunday is called “the Sunday of Doom”**

Its official name is “the Return of Christ,” but its colloquial name comes from the fact that they give a particular focus on the Last Judgement at Christ’s Second Coming.

**Some Anglicans refer to this Sunday as “Stir-up Sunday”**

This Sunday got this name for two reasons:

First, the Anglican collect for the day begins with the words, “Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people...” Second, some old pudding recipes require the pudding to sit for several weeks before being cooked. This Sunday became a day that people would traditionally begin preparing pudding for Christmas, which includes “stirring it up.”

These two things came together in people’s minds, as Wikipedia explains: “Supposedly, cooks, wives and their servants would go to church, hear the words ‘Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord...’, and be reminded, by association of ideas, that it was about time to start stirring up the puddings for Christmas.”

**The “Christ the King” statue in Poland is the largest statue of Jesus in the world**

At 33 meters tall (one meter for each year of Jesus’ earthly life), the Christ the King statue is 3 meters taller than the Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Our school’s menu can be viewed here:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st\\_marys\\_primary\\_school\\_menu](https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu)



14 <sup>th</sup> November Wolverhampton Art Gallery Yr 5/6 trip (Mrs Lambie's)	
Anti-bullying week	
First Sunday in Advent 20 <sup>th</sup> Church mass at St Mary's 11am	
21 <sup>st</sup> November Year 5/6 Trip to Wolverhampton Art Gallery (Miss Carver's)	
Year 6 STAR project with PC Jolly	
30 <sup>th</sup> November St Andrews Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> December KS2 morning and afternoon performances	Christmas performances are back! Tickets will be free but limited to two per showing.
8 <sup>th</sup> December KS1 morning and afternoon performances	
Christmas Crafts Week	
14 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day	Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something they love.
15 <sup>th</sup> Pyjama and Christmas Film Day	<b><u>We are asking that children pay £1.00 to join-in.</u></b> <b><u>The SVP's Gift of Kindness Appeal. All</u></b> monies raised go towards the <b>SVP</b> <b>Cost of Living Support Fund</b> to help people who are struggling in these challenging times. Every £1 given to the appeal will be matched with another £1.
16 <sup>th</sup> December Break-up	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 Children return to school	