

Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

*We wish all in our school family a very happy, Holy and peaceful Christmas & a Happy New Year*



#### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On Sunday, the priest will light the fourth candle, the 'CANDLE OF LOVE' which symbolizes Christ's love for us. The lighting of this last purple candle also reminds us that our preparation for Christmas is almost finished. Today we remember Mary's great act of selflessness and devotion to God. We thank her for becoming the mother of Jesus and for sharing her Son with the world. The final candle on the advent wreath (the white one) will be lit on **Christmas Day** – this candle celebrates Jesus as the light of the world – when we rejoice at the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

#### **IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS & SCHOOL STAFF**

Parents/carers and staff must continue to inform the school of **confirmed cases** of Covid-19 over the Christmas holiday. You can inform school by emailing: [help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) This email will be checked daily 9.30am – 3pm. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

If you have to isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and the 10 days isolation means that your child cannot return to school at the start of January, then please email us at [help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) This email will be checked daily 9.30am – 3pm. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

If you are going on holiday you must follow the quarantine guidelines. If on your return you have to isolate for 10 days and this means that your child cannot return to school at the start of January, then please email us at [help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) This email will be checked daily 9.30am – 3pm. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

#### **THE GIVING TREE**

Thank you all so much for your generous donations to GARAS and Gloucester Hospital. These donations will really help and support those who need it in our local community. Both organisations were totally overwhelmed at your kindness and send their thanks and blessings to you all.



#### **PFA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to thank the PFA for sponsoring the children's Christmas party. Everyone looked amazing in their party clothes, and the children had an absolute blast! They all had a virtual live streamed Disco with games and their party food. They also enjoyed other activities planned by their teachers. It was, without a shadow of doubt, a day of great joy and celebration.



#### **CAROL CONCERT AND NATIVITY**

Thank you to all our families for watching and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas via our virtual Nativity and Carols Performance. Thank you for the many compliments we have received. Our Reception children were absolutely amazing acting out the story and Y1 – Y6 sang like angels. What a wonderful Christmas week we have had at school.



### **MASS**

Fr Liam celebrated Mass in the Spiritual Space this morning and this was live streamed to all the classes. Our Y6 children joined Fr Liam and led on the readings, bidding prayers and the offertory – well done Y6. Fr Liam talked about how, when we show act of love and kindness, we are spreading the light of Christ to everyone we meet. At the end, Fr Liam wished everyone a Merry Christmas and we could hear all the classes shouting Merry Christmas back to us – it was beautiful and made us all realise how wonderful it is to belong to such a strong, supportive family, full of love for each other.



### **HOOR OF PRAYER**

This week all children experienced an Hour of Prayer. Usually this would have taken place in the Spiritual Space but this year's restriction meant that all children did this in class. Classrooms were transformed into a place of reflection. All activities focussed around the difficult journey made by key characters in the Nativity and how they may have felt. Children were asked to consider the worries of the Shepherds making their journey to visit Jesus and then what may make us worry today. Lanterns were made to help us to follow The Light of Christ and 3D Stars of Hope which is very topical at this present time. Wishes of kindness for the world and personal promises were also made to encourage us to think about not just ourselves but of the greater and wider community we are part of. Despite the change of location, it was a wonderful event and appreciated by all. It really got us into the seasonal spirit!



### **FAREWELL**

Today we said farewell to Mrs Jackson (OPAL Co-ordinator) and thanked her for the 6 years of service she has given to the children in our school family. Mrs Jackson has been a one to one TA and she has also volunteered on many occasions to support teachers in the classrooms with the children's learning. We thank her for her love and generosity to our school family.

We also wished Mrs Martin well as she now starts her maternity leave and can enjoy a well deserved rest before Baby Martin arrives.

### **BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Daniell on the birth of their son, Benji. Mum, dad and baby Benji are all doing well. Congratulations to Miss Moth & Mr Batten on the birth of their son, Alfie. Mum, dad and baby Alfie are all doing well.



### **CHRISTMAS MASSES IN ST PETER'S CHURCH**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there is a limit on the number of people who can attend Christmas Masses in St Peter's Church. All six of the Christmas Masses are now fully booked. Please do not turn up to any of the masses if you have not booked a space. It is hoped all of the masses will be live streamed on [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv).

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST AUGUSTINE'S, MATSON AND ENGLISH MARTYRS, TUFFLEY**

Our 4 Masses all currently have availability for people to attend either in the Church or the adjoining Church Hall. The first two Masses on Christmas Eve 5pm at St Augustine's and 7pm English Martyrs the seats in the Church are all but full however the Hall will have sound and video links to the Church and you will be able to receive Holy Communion. The 9pm on Christmas Eve at St Augustine's and 10am on Christmas Day at English Martyrs still have seats available in the Church. All Masses can also be joined remotely. Please book via Eventbrite or as per contacts in the newsletter asap to ensure you have seats. For further details see our latest newsletter at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/newsletters>



### **HORTON ROAD CLOSURE – 7pm to 7am**

Gloucestershire Highways have informed us that they will resurfacing the remainder of Horton Road, from just by the school to just over the railway crossing. They will start the works on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 and they will do some minor works on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The most up to date information can be found on [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing)



### **BREAK TIME – HEALTHY SNACK**

Since we returned to school in September, all year groups have learnt about the Five Ways to Wellbeing - Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Take Notice and Give. Through these Five Ways we have learnt about ways to help ourselves and our own mental wellbeing. Diet is an important part of our daily wellbeing, as when we are fuelled with a healthy diet, we are at our best. Breakfast is the first important meal of the day and it is then a long time until the children eat their lunch at 12:30pm. Please can you ensure that your child has a healthy snack (a piece of fruit/ vegetable) every day to support their healthy diet. This snack will be eaten at morning break time to refuel your child's body and mind before their next main meal at lunchtime.

When we return in January, we will be having a competition within Key Stages (KS1 and KS2) to see which class has the highest count of healthy snacks per week (one per child per day). The winning class will win the Healthy Snack cup for a week. It will be presented on a Monday, stay with the winning class for the week and then quarantine over the weekend. Many thanks for your support with this, Mrs Pollard.



### **WINTER READING CHALLENGE**

This winter the Reading Agency have teamed up with award winning inclusive publisher Knights Of to run Everyone is a Hero themed mini challenge to celebrate heroes in all their forms and keep children reading this winter.

To take part, children simply read three or more books – these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special Everyone is a Hero certificate to print off and keep! They also have a whole host of fun activities, videos and reading recommendations, plus an exciting competition. Children can visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to start rating and reviewing their books and enjoying the online activities.



### **CORE VALUES**

As part of learning about democracy and how to vote, children in years one to six voted for the core value they wanted to be in focus next term. The results are: Hope – 142, Generosity – 81, Humility – 54, and Compassion - 53. There were 4 spoilt ballot papers. Therefore, our core value next term will be HOPE – we shine when we are full of hope.

### **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, you will be able to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application through the school admissions team of Gloucestershire County Council. If your child is a baptised Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school, even if you already have a child attending our school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



### **HOUSE POINTS** (to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

Congratulations to Water for winning the termly cup!

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Fire	141	Fire	1452
Water	149	Water	1565
Earth	148	Earth	1484
Wind	142	Wind	1475



### DINNER MENU – w/c 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Tuesday	Sausage & Mash	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket Potato with Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Vegetable Wellington	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo
Thursday	Chicken Curry	Vegetable Sausage & Mash	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Jacket Potato with Beans



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole School	Start of the New Term	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>INSET DAY</b>		
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Whole School	Start of the New Term	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Whole School	School Photographer	During the school day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Shrove Tuesday	
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Ash Wednesday	2.15pm service
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School	St David's Day	Wear a yellow accessory
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> March		St Patrick's Day	Wear a green accessory
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	Palm Sunday	9.05am
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Maundy Thursday Service	1.30pm
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Whole School	Good Friday Stations	9.05am
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Whole School	<b>Finish at 1.00pm</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		<b>GOOD FRIDAY – School closed</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	<b>Start of the new term</b>	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole School	St George's Day	Wear a red accessory
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		<b>INSET</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May		May Procession	2.15pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Ascension Thursday	2.15pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May		Trinity Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May		Finish for Half Term (normal time)	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> June		New EYFS Meeting	5.30pm/6.00pm
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School	St Peter & St Paul Mass	1.45pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School	Move up Day	Morning
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School	Sports Day	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6	Leavers' Mass	10.00am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day	
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Y6 Leavers' Assembly	
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School	<b>Finish at 1.00pm</b>	

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