



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

Friday 6th January 2023

"Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:20

Dear Families,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year.

It has been so wonderful to see the children back in school this week – they all seem so happy to be back and keen to work hard and try their best.

In our whole school assembly this week we reflected on the significant role that Mary our Mother played in all aspects of the Christmas story. She is the special connector who leads us to Jesus and brings us closer to God through her prayers.

As we begin this new term, Bishop Patrick sets us a new theme to reflect on – the theme for Lent term is **DISCIPLESHIP**. Through this theme we explore with the children how we can follow the teachings of God, and follow the examples set by Jesus, Mary and our patron, St Joseph.

We look forward to discovering the many ways that our children show their true discipleship this term.

Wishing you all a happy feast day of the Epiphany.

**God bless,
Mrs Dabbs**



Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd Jan – PTFA Meeting in School ALL parents welcome

Tuesday 24th Jan – Open Classrooms – RE Focus

Tuesday 31st Jan – St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

Monday 13th Feb – Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th Feb – Parents Evening

HALF TERM BREAK

School Closed Monday 20th Feb – Friday 24th Feb

Rest in Peace

We have remembered Pope Benedict in our prayers this week...



Let us pray.

O God, who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Benedict to preside over your Church, grant we pray, that having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CHRIS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion this year. Applications forms are available from Fr Chris after any Mass. It is for children in year 3 and above, the first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and discuss the plan. **If you have any queries, please do speak to Fr Chris or any member of staff.**

Timings for the start of the day...

The school gates open from **8:30am**. The classrooms open from **8:40am** and all children must be in class by **8:50am** for the start of lessons.

The school gates close at 8:50am.

Please arrive promptly at school to ensure that your child does not miss any learning time. Thank you.

Curriculum overviews for each class will be sent out on Monday. Please look out for these as they will tell you all about the children's learning for this term, including the next homework project.

Our Open Classrooms for this term will be:

Tuesday 24th January – RE focus

Friday 17th March – Curriculum focus