



Diocese of Westminster

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Miss T M Peters

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Presentation at the Temple

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the day when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple.

Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice for Him since He was their firstborn son. Even as a baby, Jesus was fulfilling God's law! While they were in the temple a man named Simeon approached them. God had made a special promise to Simeon saying that he would get to see the promised Messiah before he died. What an amazing promise that was! When Simeon saw the baby Jesus in Mary's arms he knew the wait for the Messiah was over. He praised God saying, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Racial Justice Sunday

This year's Racial Justice Sunday was on the 31st of January and it was more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme was 'A Time to Act'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? Read a [reflection on the theme](#).

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have circulated lots of material to support your child and their mental health. It is important to remember that these resources and the themes for each day can be used all year round to help your children, not just during lockdown.

Nursery Class

Nursery children whose parents indicated that they would like their child in school will be able to attend from next week. The school office has called parents to confirm their child's times.

Kingsley Napely Fundraiser

We are delighted to announce that our Reading Partners from Kingsley Napely Law Firm are raising funds for us in order to buy a more diverse range of books that reflect our children.

We would also like to thank them for their very generous donation to the school in order to purchase technological equipment for our children.

Kingsley Napely have worked with our children for the last three years and supported them with their reading by coming to the school weekly for partnered reading sessions. Due to Covid-19 they have been unable to join us this year so have creatively found other ways to give their support. It is partnerships like these that mean so much, especially when times are difficult.

If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kn-diversity-childrens-bookdrive>

Word on Wednesday

God wants us to spend time with him through prayer, just as we would spend time with others who love us. We can trust that God always hears our prayers. God is our loving Father and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for.

“Dear parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life”

Pope Francis

Have a good weekend

Stay Safe

Kind Regards

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