



# Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 4 December 2020

The theme for next week is **Prepare the Way. (MARK 1: 1 – 8)**

2nd week of Advent – We light the second candle – Purple – The candle of peace.

Today's Gospel tells us about John the Baptist. He is the voice crying in the wilderness, making straight the way for the Lord's coming. This has already been declared long before in the book of Isaiah. You may feel that your voice echoes in a wilderness and is ignored, but everyone can influence others through their words and actions. How will you influence someone today?

Let us pray

**Dear Lord,**

**Advent is a time of waiting for Your arrival.**

**All we can do is keep an eye out for Your presence in ordinary things throughout the day.**

**Be with us today and help us to show kindness and generosity in all that we do.**

**Amen**

## MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Please bear in mind our practice with regard to communication devices when considering Christmas gifts for your child. Any device which can be used to receive or send any form of communication must not be seen or switched on and must be kept in bags during the school day. This includes iWatches. The process below will be followed when confiscating mobile communication devices:

- The Finance Office will text parents to inform them of the confiscation, log the confiscation in the file and deposit the device in the strong room until it is collected.
- Devices will be returned to either:
  - the pupil on the following day after 3.30 pm at reception, upon receipt of a signed note from a parent/carer;
  - in person to a parent/carer who calls into reception after 4.00 pm on the day of confiscation.

## READING NEWSLETTER

Attached with this week's Newsletter is the first termly Reading Newsletter which includes book recommendations from staff and pupils and even a quiz. It has been produced by Miss Westray and the next edition will be sent to you in the Spring term.

## CHRISTMAS DASH

The PE department have organised a Christmas Dash. In the last seven days of term, every pupil will have the opportunity to take part in a Christmas fun run, all in aid of raising as much money as possible for the Foxton Centre in Preston. It will take place in one of students' timetabled PE lessons (Form Tutors and PE teachers will tell all pupils exactly which lesson it is for them). Pupils have been asked to donate online, via SCOPAY, £1 (if possible) and they are allowed to run in a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat. All other items of PE kit are still required.

As we reach closer to the festive holidays and look forward to spending time with our loved ones, it's important to remember those in need. The Foxton Centre are a Preston based charity who continue to do truly wonderful work with both adults and young people in our community. If you would like to take a closer look, please see the following link: <https://www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk/>

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER**

Please would all families be reminded that during lunch on Wednesday, 9 December no other food, such as sandwiches, will be available for purchase from our Restaurant or from the Kiosk on the Yard. Pupils who have not ordered Christmas dinner should bring their own packed lunch on this day.

#### **Dates to remember**

Wednesday, 9 December – Christmas lunch

Friday, 18 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 4 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 12 February 2021 – School closes for half-term

Monday, 22 February INSET day School closed for all pupils

Tuesday, 23 February – School opens

Friday, 26 March - School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Monday, 12 April - School opens for the Summer term