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Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection: 'Prepare the Way' – Luke 3:1-6

Luke starts his account of the Gospel by saying that he has investigated all the claims about Jesus and has now written an orderly account. The passage we heard last Sunday starts with a long list of hard-to-pronounce names and places, detailing exactly who was ruling in Rome, Judea and the surrounding areas, and who was High Priest in Jerusalem. Luke pinpoints the exact moment in time that Jesus begins His ministry and we can work out, from comparing the details he gives us with other historical documents, that it is the year 29AD. Why does this matter? Because Jesus is a historical figure: as real as Caesar, Henry VIII, you and me. God stepped into time and became one of us! It is difficult to understand that God would take on the limits of human flesh and be willing to experience life as we do in all our frailty. Yet this is the truth, and it is done to demonstrate His love for us in the most accessible way possible. It is what we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas and it is why we need to prepare our hearts in order to receive Jesus more fully during this Advent season.

Lord Jesus, flatten the hills of pride in our lives and fill in the valleys of doubts so that the path is made straight for You to come into our hearts and be Lord of our lives this Christmas. Amen

Outward Bounds Trip

On Monday 29 November, 45 pupils from Year 9 and five staff set off on their journey to The Outward Bound Trust Education Centre in Aberdovey, Wales for a week of adventurous activities. On arrival at the centre, pupils were split into four groups, introduced to their instructors and provided with all the essential clothing and kit for the week. Developing the personal life skills of organisation, resilience, teamwork and overcoming challenges was the theme for the week, which continually tested the pupils and pushed them to their limits. Pupils took part in gorge walking, mountain climbing, scrambling, jetty jumping, canoeing, problem solving, beach exploring and raft building. Our group finished the week by planting trees, to help the environment around the centre, and will hopefully have the opportunity to return one day and see how they have grown. Pupils developed incredibly well throughout the week, showing perseverance, humility and kindness to one another as they completed activities.

Attendance Rewards Trips

Pupils with attendance of 97% and above have been offered a place on our rewards trip, happening on Monday 13 December. Years 7 and 8 will be going to the cinema to watch the latest Ghostbusters 'Afterlife' film. They must wear school uniform and will be back in school for period 5. Years 9,10 and 11 will be going to the Trafford Centre and may wear their own clothes. Expectations for suitable clothing and behaviour have been provided during form time.

Preston College Student of the Month

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil, Lewis Sheliker who was nominated by his bricklaying tutor at Preston College for 'Student of the Month' in November. The nomination mentions how Lewis is 'always the first back from break' and how he is eager to motivate fellow learners to clean up at the end. His impressive effort together with his 'good mental resilience' were credited in the nomination.

Christmas Parcels

We are still collecting parcels for senior citizens in local care homes. Some donation ideas include socks, scarves, chocolates, toiletries or drinks. For those who wish to donate, please give your gifts to Ruth, Joe or Mr Fetherston, who will collate and then dispatch your parcels to various care homes in the local area next week. Thank you to everyone in advance for your support with this special appeal during Advent.

Learner of the Week

For the week ending Friday 3 December, our 'Learner of the Week' was awarded to: Jasmine Skiba (Year 11) for outstanding effort and progress in RE, leading her to achieving highly in her assessment; Nisha Singh (Year 10) for constantly excelling in mathematics, always working hard, being keen to provide correct answers in class and eager to challenge herself with extension questions; Lily Cornall (Year 9) for excellent use of nuanced, evaluative language in RE; Rayan Ghiate (Year 8) for consistently providing excellent verbal answers in his science lessons across the various topics covered and using correct scientific vocabulary and key words; Gracie Swindlehurst (Year 7) for producing consistently good work in RE, having a great understanding of topics and excellent book presentation.

Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk

Important Dates

Monday 13 December	Attendance Reward Trips	9.00am - 2.30pm
Thursday 16 December	School Christmas Dinner	12.00 - 2.00pm
Friday 17 December	End of Term, school closes	1.30pm
Tuesday 4 January	Return to school	8.30am
Thursday 20 January	Year 11 Mock Results and Parents' Evening	4.00 - 6.30pm
Friday 28 January	Extended Learning Day 3	8.30am - 2.30pm

Yours sincerely



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