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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

9th January 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Scripture of the week

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Welcome back

We would all like to wish you a huge welcome back to school, it was a real delight this morning to see everyone coming into school so happy and refreshed. It certainly looks and sounds as though the children have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrating with their families.

I hope everyone is feeling much better than before Christmas, when there was so many flu and sickness bugs going around.

Nursery Christmas Crafts

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our children in their activities in the week before Christmas, it was great fun and the children all really enjoyed themselves.

Reception Starters

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places> Please be aware that the closing date for school starter applications is **15th January 2023**. It is always best to use the above link and then you will have a secure log of your application process.

New Behaviour Policy

I am delighted to inform you that staff have been working closely with each other, pupils and governors to develop a new comprehensive and Restorative Practice Behaviour Policy. All staff have welcomed this update and we are sure that the pupils will be very encouraged as we have incorporated lots of their ideas into this new policy. It has taken time and research to come up with a policy which we believe will be the most positive for our children. It is based on the work by Paul Dix,



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The Restorative Approach to managing and supporting pupil's behaviour and fully incorporates the work on Zones of Regulation.

The three main principles are **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. Our pupils are going to be encouraged to always adhere to these three values which in turn will demonstrate the positive and empowered relationship between which exists between staff and pupils and between pupils. It has been shared with all children in assembly, this morning, and all staff will start using it from today.

Each half term there will also be a behaviour focus and this half term it is going to be on manners. Every pupil will be encouraged and rewarded if they are polite and demonstrate positive manners towards each other and/or staff.

Reception parents

Cooking with parents or grandparents. Mrs Duffy and Miss Rice will have a sign-up sheet on the wall outside the classroom and send some more information via letter for you all to see

The dates are available for you to choose one slot 17th Jan 2023, 18th Jan 2023 and 19th Jan 2023.

Prayers for the family to share

Following the positive response to the letters in Advent which had various pieces of scripture and information about Advent for you to share and the travelling nativity, we have decided to add some more information and opportunities to pray together at home. The following are some examples of prayers to share with the family in the morning.

The Good Morning God Prayer

Good Morning God!

You are ushering in another day, untouched and freshly new.

So here I am to ask you, God, if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday

and let me try again dear God to walk closer in Your way.

But Lord, I am well aware, I can't make it on my own.

So take my hand and hold it tight, for I cannot walk alone.



Prayers at the Beginning of the Day

Lord, one more day to love you!

O Jesus, watch over me always, especially today, or I shall betray you like Judas. Lord, today is the day I begin!

Jesus, shine through me and be so in me that every person I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

My God, send me thy Holy Spirit to teach me what I am and what thou art! May the Passion of Christ be ever in our heart.

And to be more with Him, more with Him, not merely with oneself.



Prayer of Reassurance

Dear Lord, help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. Father, sometimes my heart is heavy. I feel like I have to carry the burden alone. Words like "overwhelmed," "distracted," "exhausted" seem to



describe where I am. I am not sure how to let you carry my heavy load, so please show me how. Take it from me. Let me rest and be refreshed so that my heart won't be so heavy in the morning. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Staff and Governors, as always will continue to keep all our families in our prayers at this time of year.

Best wishes,

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