# **ST REGIS ACADEMY** NEWSLETTER 17th Nov 2023



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

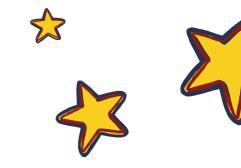
**Tuesday 21st Nov - Christ the King Day Thursday 14th Dec - Christmas Celebrations** Friday 22nd Dec - INSET Day (closed to students)

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CHESTER - NATHAN LICHFIELD - OSEIWE WORCESTER - AJANI **HOUSE OF THE WEEK IS** LICHFIELD!



## **MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY**

There has been much excitement in school this week with the introduction of our two newest 'members of staff' Orla and Brain (see below). Our new therapy dogs will be in school 4 days a week providing students with support and being a really positive presence around the school site.

It has been great seeing so many students and staff in school in their odd socks today as we have spent much of this week recognising Anti-Bullying week. I also enjoyed meeting many Y10 and Y12 parents at our parent's evening on Wednesday this week - our flash revision guide sale was a real success.

Next week we celebrate Christ The King day with a very important drop-down day in school. There are lots of fantastic activities planned for students on this day so it should be fantastic.

As we move further into Autumn 2 term, we are continuing our focus on uniform and appearance standards, as well as reducing the number of students leaving the classroom during lesson time. We are speaking to students about the importance of going to the toilet during break and lunchtime and we have a monitoring system in place for the occasions when students are required top leave the classroom. Thank you for your support in this matter as we continue to improve your child's education.

Mr E Parry Principal

















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## **ARBOR PARENT APP**

St Regis has recently moved to a system called Arbor which has an app for guardians.

The Arbor App allows you to receive the latest messages from your child's school, book parent/guardian consultation slots, track your child's attendance and update the information that we hold about both you and your child, including consents.

Use the email address we have on system for you, and if you haven't been provided with a password, or simply can't remember it, then click the 'Forgotten your password?' link on your login page to have a reset password email sent to you.

# **ST REGIS DOG MENTORS**

We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing St Regis school dogs and have joined The Dog Mentor Programme!

Mr Green and Mr & Mrs Rogers will be bringing in their dogs, Orla and Brian, regularly from 17th November. The dogs and various members of staff were trained on Wednesday the 15th with The Dog Mentor.

We are now a Dog Mentor Affiliated School - this programme will bring many benefits to our staff and students!

We hope you share our excitement for this programme. Please contact Reception for Mr Green if you have any questions.

We will be sharing photos of the dogs regularly and can't wait for you to meet them!















#### The theme for worship w.c. 20th Nov is 'A Kingdom of Justice'

#### From the Chaplain...

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

God's people had suffered a great disappointment. Their country, the land God had brought them to that they might inhabit it and flourish, had been invaded by foreign powers: their brightest young adults had been taken into exile to serve a foreign economy, their homes had been burnt down, their temple lay in ruins and their nation was scattered. Had God abandoned them? Was God punishing them? And if so, how long would God's anger last? God's people were living through a time of despair and the prophet Jeremiah could offer no immediate promise of restoration.

As we look around our world today we too might feel discouraged. Across the globe countries are experiencing changed weather patterns meaning that crops are failing and whole communities are starving. Meanwhile unexpected levels of drought or flooding are destroying homes and economies and forcing mass migration whilst other locations are devastated by wildfires. On top of the environmental challenges facing the human race there are countries locked in conflict with no sign of peaceful solutions... often with the most vulnerable being caught at the centre of the violence and suffering. Closer to home we see families struggling to feed and clothe their children, we see loneliness among the elderly and infirm and we hear stories of the huge risks taken by people simply seeking a safe place to live. We too might well ask, 'Has God abandoned us? Are we being punished?'

Jeremiah's message to God's people was that there would be no immediate reprieve, in fact their exile would last for seventy years BUT that certainly didn't mean that God had forgotten them. God had a plan for his people and it was a plan to bless them in generous abundance. One day, in God's own time, that plan would be revealed.

Whether we are despairing about the state of our nation, the wider world or events in our own lives, we too are called to patience and trust. Jeremiah's words are a comfort to us today as they were to those who lived 2800 years before us: we are not forgotten, we are loved. Can we continue to trust and hope? Can we hold on to our faith in a God whose timescale in not ours and who is not limited in his imagination or power in the ways that we are? Can we live our lives, day by day, in the belief and knowledge that God is already at work among us, sowing the seeds of his kingdom to come even in the darkest places, even in the midst of despair? And as we continue to pray and trust, can we keep our eyes open for the signs at God at work in our communities, and be ready with the courage and the will to join in with his work wherever we discern him?

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12-13











