

Newsletter No 23

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 March 2015

World Book Day

We had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. Thank you for making such an effort with the children's costumes of favourite book characters; they looked amazing (as did the staff!)



Bedtime Stories Thursday 5 March

Last night was a very successful event, the children had a lovely time listening to stories and enjoying their hot chocolate. Thank you to the PTA members for organising this and the staff who gave their time to read the stories. An amazing £169.00 was raised!!!!



Class Assembly

Thank you and well done to Year 3 for Tuesday's excellent class assembly about reading and World Book Day. We learned so many new facts and it was lovely to see such confident young actors and singers. Many of you who attended commented on how well the children performed and how much you enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Hunt and Mrs Harper for preparing the children so well. Also, thank you to the parents that supplied some of the costumes; your help is very much appreciated.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 12 March. Everyone is welcome.



Lenten Activities

During Lent our children will be raising money for the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our own parish and for children in Rwanda. Please remember to send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they support their friends' activities. It is Year 4's turn next week, who are organising a number of activities; including guess name of teacher, selling loom bands, guess sweets in a jar.



Milk

As from Monday 9 March the school kitchen will provide milk as a choice for the children to have with their school dinner.



Flowers

Polite message - please do not pick or let children pick the flowers next to the bike shed. The children have planted these flowers to watch them grow and to improve the school environment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



The National Space Centre

On Wednesday 11 March Year 4 will be visiting The National Space Centre in Leicester. We hope they all have a lovely time and learn lots of interesting facts.



Football Match

Our football team have a match tonight at home against St Nicholas Catholic Primary School. We will let you know the result next week; good luck everyone!

Our next match will be on **Friday 13 March** away at Newhall.



Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 20 March** in the school Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm, bingo starts at 7.30pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food have been sent home with children. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned no later **Monday 9 March**; please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Thank you for your support.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 18 and Wednesday 25 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 18 March (children with surname A-K) and Wednesday 25 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunties or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

*Please note that the deadline for payment is **Wednesday 11 March**. We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.*

Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you at these days.



Palm Sunday Mass

Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30am on Sunday 29 March when we will be re-enacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through.

This is the start of Holy Week, our final preparations for the great season of Easter so we do hope that as many families as possible attend.



Bag 2 School

Bags were sent home with children this week; please contact the school office if you require further bags. Bag 2 School will accept clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, ties, belts, hats, soft toys and jewellery. The bags will be collected on **Wednesday 18 March**. Please leave the bags outside the main reception area under cover in the morning as school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 1 with 100%! The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 well done!

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Maggie R, Joseph M **Year 1:** Nevin R, Erin P, Thomas B, Olivia F
Year 2: Leilagh K, Nathan G **Year 3:** Keane S, Whole class **Year 4:** Nhea R, Chris S
Year 5: Alice H, Ashlee H **Year 6:** Sam F, Shay McG.

Lunchtime Award: James D (Y2).

Class of the Week: Year 6.



Angel of the Week

A friend is an angel on earth. Many of our children's behaviour and attitude reflects the fact that they are making an extra special effort to do God's work. Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort.

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Flynn B **Year 4:** Pierce B, Miss Crowley.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Lucy L (EYFS), Ricky M, Pierce B (Y4)

Dates for your diary - March		
Wednesday 11 March	All Day	Year 4 to National Space Centre
Friday 13 March	3.30pm	Football Match away v Newhall School
Monday 16 March	All Day	Year 1 Circus Skills - in school
Tuesday 17 March	2.45pm - 3.30pm	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church
Wednesday 18 March	8.30am - 9.00am	Bags 2 School
Thursday 19 March	2.45pm - 3.30pm	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church
Friday 20 March	All Day	Year 1 children to dress up as a clown
Friday 20 March	3.30pm	Football Match v Mere Green Away
Friday 20 March	7.15pm - 9.00pm	Easter Egg Bingo Night
Tuesday 24 March	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 25 March	3.45 pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 March	3.45 pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April		Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - April		
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school
Wednesday 22 April	7.30pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 30 April	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Dates for your diary - May		
Wednesday 6 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Holy Communion drop in session
Thursday 7 May	All day	School closed Local Elections
Monday 11 May - Friday 13 May		SATS week
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May		Half Term Holiday
Dates for your diary - June		
Monday 1 June	All day	School closed - Whole Academy training day
Saturday 6 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Wednesday 10 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Saturday 13 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 June	9.15am	Mass of Thanksgiving in Church
Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June		Creative week tbc
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years Class assembly
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	End of term disco
Tuesday 7 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 10 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 16 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass led by Year 6
Friday 17 July	3.30pm	Children break up for summer holidays
Monday 20 July	All day	School closed - Teacher training day
Tuesday 21 July		Summer holidays 2015

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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The staff is meeting daily during Lent following the 'Walk with me" journey of prayer. Today's reflection is very profound:



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