

## Newsletter No 21

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 February 2015



Last night, our Y6 children along with eight children from the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Robert Byrne.

It was a very special occasion and we are very grateful to Fr Neil, Mr Mayor, Mrs Jupp and Mr Spindlow for all their work in preparing the children for this very important Sacrament and also to the PTA for providing refreshments in the Church hall.



### **Inset Day**

School will be closed on **Monday 23 February**. School will reopen as usual on Tuesday 24 February.

*I hope you all enjoy the half term break. When we return we will have started the season of Lent; our journey towards Easter.*



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 26 February. Everyone is welcome.

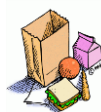


### **Lenten Charities**

During Lent each class will be taking it in turns to raise money for Lenten Charities. After half term, Early Years and Key Stage One will be making objects to sell linked to the book we will be learning about, 'Voices in the Park'. Items being sold are as follows:

- Wednesday 25 February Year 1 will be selling fruit kebabs for 70p
- Thursday 26 Early Years will be selling bird feeders for 70p
- Friday 27 Year 2 will be selling friendship bracelets for 70p

Your child can buy these during morning and afternoon playtime. Thank you for your support.



### **Lunchtime Play Co-ordinator Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact Mrs Harper on 675-2158.



### **Football Match Holy Cross v Sacred Heart**

Our football team played a character building match against Sacred Heart last week! It was a tough match and by half time we were losing 5-0. However after a half time talk and shake up Holy Cross fought back, scoring 2 goals, with Sacred Heart only scoring 1. The final score was 6-2. The other team thanked us for holding the match and supplying treats! Thank you to the rest of the children and staff for coming out to support us!



### **Hot Chocolate and Biscuits**

As part of their Maths topic, Year 1 children were entrepreneurs this week selling hot chocolate to raise money in order to budget and buy items for the classroom. They managed to make a whopping £143.60! They would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone that supported them.



### **Shooting Stars Circus Skills**

Year 1 will be visited by 'Shooting Stars Circus Skills' on Monday 16 March. A letter has been sent home with children today giving further details. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy, thank you.



### **National Space Centre Trip**

Children in Year 4 will be visiting The National Space Centre on Wednesday 11 March. A letter has been sent home with children this week; if you have not received a copy please contact the school office.



### **Swimming - Year 2**

After half term Year 2 will start swimming on Thursdays; the first session will be on Thursday 26 February. Girls please wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts).



### **Cello Lessons**

We have vacancies in our cello lessons for children in Year 2 and Year 3. If your child is interested in learning to play the cello please contact the school office. Thank you.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5 March 2015**. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Further details will follow.



### Bedtime Stories Thursday 5 March

To celebrate World Book Day members of our staff will be reading their favourite stories in two sessions between 5.45pm - 7.00pm. Children are invited to return to school in their pyjamas and with their favourite teddy if they wish. The cost is £1.50 per child. Accompanying adults can relax in our school hall where refreshments will also be provided. This should be a lovely event. You will receive a flyer after half term giving you further information.



### 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! You will receive flyers when we return after half term giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food. These will need to be returned by **Monday 9 March**. Thank you for your support.



**ZUMBA**  
kids

### Zumba Lessons

There will be no Zumba lessons after half term. They will start again On Wednesday 15 April and forms will be sent home with children, thank you.

## Shelter

### KS2 Carol Service

We have received a letter from the Fundraising Team at Shelter thanking us for the fantastic gift of £145.00 raised at the KS2 Carol Service. Thank you very much for helping children who have lost their homes; this will make a real difference to their lives.



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 5 with 99.63%! The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Year 1 and Year 5 well done!

**Recommendations: EYFS:** Lily H, Heloise C **Year 1:** Eloise H, Whole Class **Year 2:** Sam S, Cassandra G **Year 3:** Christien J, Rosena J **Year 4:** Clark T, Ricky M **Year 5:** Nina R, Rebecca D **Year 6:** Missy G, Calum T and Whole Class.

**Lunchtime Award:** Olivia S (Y5).

**Class of the Week:** Year 6.

**Class of the Term:** Year 5.





### 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: **Year 2:** Erin LF **Year 3:** Francis C, Madeline L, Stephene A, Christien J  
**Year 4:** Trinity H, Natalie SL, Millie Mc, Jessica T **Year 5:** Roan D, Milly L, Ryan B, Joe S, Aiden GW  
**Year 6:** Julia Z.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have not only celebrated their birthdays this week but will be celebrating during half term:**

Flynn B, Eden H (EYFS), Joshua W, Fraser C (Y1), Iona T (Y4), Aiden GW (Y5).

Dates for your diary - February		
Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February		Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 February	All Day	School closed for pupils - Teacher training day
Dates for your diary - March		
Tuesday 3 March	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Thursday 5 March	All Day	World Book Day - children to dress as character from book
Thursday 5 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Stories - Information to follow
Wednesday 11 March	All Day	Year 4 to National Space Centre
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	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	PM	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 week!*

Yours sincerely

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter  
Principal



**For all our Confirmandi:**

**Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit**

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua



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