

Newsletter No 22

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 3 March 2017

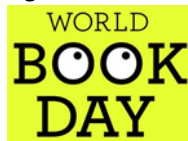


Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break.

On Wednesday we marked the beginning of Lent through the celebration of Mass and distribution of ashes. This year will be raising money for Cafod and for our own Mini Vinnies who are raising money to support a vulnerable family in our parish. Some of the Mini Vinnies met the family before Christmas and were very moved by the difficult challenges they were facing. They are hoping to use the money raised to improve their quality of life.

We decided to take a different approach to fundraising this year so please check 'Dates for your diary' so you know what is happening during this half term.

We got our fundraising off to an active start on Tuesday with our sponsored walk; please send in the money collected by Monday. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts this year.



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

Last night was a very successful event, with the children having 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. We will inform you how much money was raised at a later date.



Mass - Year 5 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 9 March** in school. All welcome.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 5: Trip letter to National Memorial Arboretum

Please contact office if you have not received copy.



SUTTON PARK

Year 4 Trip to Sutton Park

On Monday 6 March Year 4 will be going to Sutton park. This is in relation to their topic of 'The History of Sutton Coldfield.' Let's hope for nice dry weather!



Confirmation Photographs

Confirmation photographs have been sent home with Year 6 children. Please return to the school office no later than **Monday 6 March**.

Important reminder for parents and children in Years 5 and 6

'The Right Click: Internet Safety Matters' workshop - Tuesday 7 March 3.30pm

A final reminder about this workshop, jointly developed by Unicef UK and BT to help keep children safe online, while encouraging them to become confident digital citizens.

In this ever changing climate, the workshop will offer you the opportunity to explore what your child likes doing online their concerns, as well as providing advice on different safety features and how to set them.

We are dealing with a growing number of online issues in school that have happened outside of school hours so we urge you to attend or ask a representative for your child to come along. Thank you.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Wednesday 8 March** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all new members welcome. The more the merrier! Thank you.

St David's Day

As St David's Day fell on Ash Wednesday, we will now celebrate this special day on **Thursday 9 March**. We ask the children to wear full school uniform with a daffodil and for a donation of £1 towards our Lenten charities if they wish. Thank you for your support.



EYFS/KS1 Art Exhibition

On **Friday 10 March at 3.20pm** our EYFS class and KS1 will be selling their art work in the school hall. All money collected will be given to our Lenten charities which are 'Mini Vinnies' and 'Cafod'. Please come into school and buy your child's art work!



Year 5 Trip to National Memorial Arboretum

On **Tuesday 14 March 2017** Year 5 are going on a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum - Alrewas. This is in relation to their topic of 'War Horse'. A voluntary donation of **£21.00** is now required; please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 10 March**. If you would like to volunteer to help with this trip please contact the class teacher or school office. Names will be drawn and you will be contacted if you are selected. Thank you.



Year Six and Year Two SATs Workshops

A letter was sent home on Wednesday with children from Year 6 and Year 2 giving information about SATs Workshops for parents. **Please contact the school office if you require a copy.** The workshop for Year 6 will be held on **Wednesday 15 March 3.20pm to 4.20pm**, and the workshop for Year 2 will be on **Monday 3 April 3.20pm to 4.20pm**. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. Thank you.



Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass

This will be held on **Thursday 16 March at 9.15am** in school. Year 6 will be presented with their Confirmation certificates during this Mass. We hope you can attend.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 15 March and Tuesday 21 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 15 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 21 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; this has become a very popular event in our calendar. 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 Monday 6 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 on these days.



Good Shepherd Appeal

Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home with all children this week. Since the early years of the twentieth century, children in the Archdiocese have helped raise funds for Father Hudson's Care during Lent. Children use the boxes to save money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. Please help to make a difference by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. Please contact the school office if you require another box. Thank you for your support. Please return boxes no later than **Wednesday 26 April**. Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? **Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil"**. An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.

This week the Attendance Award was won by EYFS with 98.89% Well done!

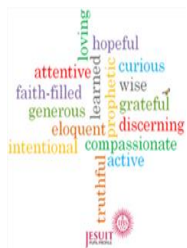
The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Gabriella L, Connor T Year 1: Daniel B, Maria J Year 2: Jack C, Frankie J Year 3: Sian J, Fraser C, Olivia W, Jake M-B Year 4: Maria L, Thomas S Year 5: Pablo B, Keane S Year 6: Pierce B, Annie D .

Lunchtime Award: Eva P (Y5).

Class of the week: EYFS.



Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on being '**Attentive and Discerning**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Miss Stewart:** Sophie H **Miss Stevens:** Oskar C **Mr Hunt:** Ella P **Mr Mayor:** Darcie W **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Erin L-F **Mr Rowlands:** Abigail E **Miss Cross:** Matilda C, Alex H, Grace B.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Chase B (EYFS) and Lucy Lomas (Y2).

Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
Monday 6 March	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Sutton Park
Tuesday 7 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Yr 5 & Yr 6 'The Right Click; Internet Safety Matters'
Wednesday 8 March	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 9 March (NB change of date)	All day	St David's Day full school uniform - wear a daffodil
Friday 10 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Art exhibition in school hall - Lenten fundraising event
Tuesday 14 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First Confession for Year 3
Wednesday 15 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname A-K
Wednesday 15 March	3.20pm-4.20pm	Year 6 SATs workshop for parents
Thursday 16 March	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass in school
Thursday 16 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First Confession for Year 3
Friday 17 March	All Day	Non-school uniform day St Patricks-wear green
Friday 17 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Football Match vs Mere Green JI School (home)
Friday 17 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2 Art exhibition in school hall - Lenten fundraising event
Tuesday 21 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname L-Z

Wednesday 22 March	Lunch time	EYFS/KS1 to sell lunchtime craft/ healthy food sale - Lenten fundraising event
Thursday 23 March	Lunch time	KS2 to sell lunchtime craft/ healthy food sale - Lenten fundraising event
Friday 24 March	3.30pm	Football match vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary (away)
Tuesday 28 March	9.00am-9.45pm	EYFS/KS1 Morning tea - Lenten fundraising event
Tuesday 28 March	2.15pm-3.00pm	KS2 Afternoon tea - Lenten fundraising event
Wednesday 29 March	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' evening
Thursday 30 March	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' evening
Friday 31 March	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo night
Dates for your diary - April 2017		
Monday 3 April	3.20pm-4.20pm	Year 2 SATs workshop for parents
Tuesday 4 April	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Easter Production - all welcome
Wednesday 5 April	3.30pm	Football match vs Newhall Primary School (away)
Thursday 6 April	3.30pm-4.15pm	Outdoor workout in the style of Joe Wicks led by Mr Rowlands & Miss Cross - Lenten fundraising event
Friday 7 April		No music lessons
Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Friday 19 May	tbc	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - more details to follow

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



Dear Father,
We want to follow the example that Jesus set.
We want to give up our selfish ways and give our lives in love and service to others.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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