



**Newsletter No 24**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 17 March 2017



**First Confession**

Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. It was a very reverent occasion and we are very proud of all the children. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us at the services and to Mr Mayor, Mrs Burton and Fr Neil in preparing and supporting the children so well.



It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for lunch this week; so many of you told me how much you enjoyed it. Thank you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly. We look forward to welcoming many of you next week for Part two!



Happy St Patrick's Day! We are a sea of green today to celebrate the feast of St Patrick; thank you to everyone for getting involved.



**School Closed**

On **Thursday 4 May** school will not be open for children; we are closed due to voting day for Local Government Elections. Thank you.



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 23 March**, in school. All welcome.



**Football Match**

Our football team are playing at home against Mere Green J&I School tonight. Please come along and support!



**Cross Country**

On Monday, the cross country team ran fantastically well against lots of schools from across Sutton. The children gave 100% throughout the 1.3 mile course and we are very proud of them. They are an excellent example of showing resilience and perseverance to achieve their best.



### Year 5 Trip to National Memorial Arboretum

On Tuesday Year 5 visited the National Memorial. Well done to all of Year 5 who represented the school so well; their behaviour and manners were impeccable throughout the entire trip. Also, a big thank you to our parent helpers for their help and support.



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### KS2 Art Exhibition

Thank you to EYFS/KS1 parents who attending last week's Art Exhibition. Tonight is KS2's turn from 3.20pm to 4.20pm when KS2 will be selling their art work in the school hall. All money collected will be given to our Lenten charities; 'Mini Vinnies' and 'Cafod'.

We hope you will be able to come this afternoon and buy your child's art work! We will let you know how much was raised next week.



### Parents' Evening

A letter was sent home with children on Monday giving details of Parent/Teacher Consultations. The deadline to return this form is **Monday 20 March**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support.



### Lenten Fundraising

On **Wednesday 22 March** the children will be selling craft items and fruity snacks (EYFS/KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.) Items will be 50p each and the children can bring £2.00 maximum to spend. All monies will go to our Lenten charities; Cafod and Mini Vinnies. Thank you.



### Alton Castle

A letter was send home on Wednesday with all the children in Year 5. This is giving information about the trip to Alton Castle in October 2017. Please complete and return proforma no later than

**Thursday 23 March**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Lenten Fundraising Morning/Afternoon Tea

On **Tuesday 28 March** we are holding two Lenten fundraising events where your child can invite one person to join them for morning or afternoon tea. **EYFS/Key Stage 1 children** You are invited to join us for Morning Tea, **9.00am - 9.45am**. **Key Stage 2 children** you are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea, **2.15pm-3.00pm**.

Please return form no later than **Monday 20 March** If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you. **We do not want to disappoint any parents or children so please note no late orders can be accepted after this date.**



### Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 31 March** in the school Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, bingo starts at 7.00pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers have been sent home today giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food. If you require a copy please contact the school office. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned by **Friday 24 March**. Thank you for your support.



### Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters were sent home with children for after school Zumba. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Tuesday 28 March 2017**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date will be accepted**. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Year Six and Year Two SATs Workshops

The workshop for Year 6 was held on Wednesday; thank you to all parents that attended. 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.



### 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 Year 4 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: We had no late marks this week fantastic!



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Klaudia R, Chase B **Year 1:** Nathaniel C, Alex E **Year 2:** Joseph M, Harry K, Flynn B **Year 3:** Whole Class, Erin P, Ryan K **Year 4:** Harrison S, Enya B **Year 5:** Whole Class, Sam K **Year 6:** Milly B, Iona T.

**Lunchtime Award:** Francesca L (Y3).

**Class of the week:** Year 3.

**Sports Award:** Cross Country Team.



### 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:** Michael B **Miss Stevens:** Alfie J **Mr Hunt:** Lily H **Mr Mayor:** Scarlett T **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Thomas B **Mr Rowlands:** William H **Miss Cross:** Clark T, Ben L.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Sienna M, Annie E (Y1), Frankie J (Y2), Samuel W, Bonnie T-M (Y4), Keane S (Y5), Charles H (Y6).

Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
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
Wednesday 22 March	4.00pm	Cross Country Race in Sutton Park
Thursday 23 March	12.00pm	Catholic Netball competition
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	12.00pm	EYFS Class of the half term 'Award Dinner'
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
<b>Friday 31 March</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Football match (home) vs Minworth</b>
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	9.15am	Stations of the Cross-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	9.15am	Service of Readings and Hymns for Passiontide-all welcome
Friday 7 April		No music lessons
Dates for your diary - May 2017		
<b>Thursday 4 May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>School closed all day - voting</b>

Friday 5 May	3.30pm	Football match vs Moor Hall (home)
Friday 19 May	tbc	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - more details to follow

*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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