

## Newsletter No 22

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 1 March 2024



### St David's Day

It was so wonderful to see so much yellow across the school today as we celebrate St David's Day.

A huge thank you to Father Neil for treating us to some chocolates to celebrate this special feast day.



### Dinner Money **REMINDER**

The cost for school dinners for next half term is **£73.95. This is due today.**  
Please pay promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

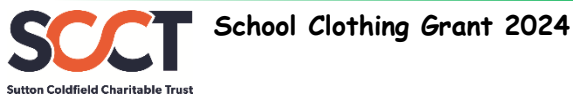


### Mother's Day Lunches

Thank you to everyone that has booked in for the Mother's Day Lunches on Tuesday 5 March and Thursday 7 March.

Please note that bookings are closed. Both days are fully booked and therefore we are unable to change anyone's day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Please see the attached Clothing grant application form. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefit required is explained on the application form but if you have any queries please contact us. Successful applicants will receive vouchers to the value of £100 per child.

Parents are requested to return completed forms and copies of all pages of their proof of benefit to the school that has stamped their form by **Monday 11 March 2024**. Incomplete forms cannot be considered and Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust will liaise directly with applicants if their application is incomplete or unsuccessful.

Please note that we require only one application per household, so if an application includes eligible children from different schools, the vouchers will be sent to the school that has stamped the application form.

Vouchers can be redeemed at Clive Mark Schoolwear Boldmere and/or Crested Schoolwear, Erdington. Please note that if neither of these are your school's nominated supplier parents will be able to use the vouchers to purchase non-branded items.

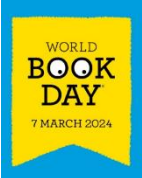


Fast, pray and give

### Family Fast Day - Years 5 & 6

The Mini Vinnie group would like to encourage the children in Year 5 and 6 to join in CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day by sharing a simple meal of rice and water, in exchange for their normal lunch on Friday 8 March. Members of staff will also take part in this.

A letter has been sent out with more information via ParentMail.



### World Book Day - Thursday 7 March

This year the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If your child does not wish to dress up they are welcome to wear their own clothes and bring an item from a book as a prop.

Our theme this year for World Book Day is Poetry, each class will be exploring poems throughout the day.



### PTA Bedtime Stories - Thursday 7 March

Children are invited back into school in their pyjamas or comfy clothes (small teddies welcome too!) for hot chocolate, biscuits and a choice of lovely stories. This is from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased on ParentMail £3 per child or £5 per family (Sorry, adults not invited).



### Big Lent Walk

The Big Lent Walk will take place on **Monday 18 March**. This will be a sponsored event with the money raised going towards CAFOD. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

Please share our Just Giving Page (link below) with friends and family to help support the children and CAFOD. Thank you

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-cross-fundraising-page>



### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on:

**Tuesday 19 March for all year groups (3:30 - 7:00pm)**

**Thursday 21 March (3:30 - 6:00pm) NOT INCLUDING YEAR 4.**

**Monday 25 March (3:30 - 6:00pm) YEAR 4 ONLY.**

**Appointments to be booked via ParentMail which will close on Friday 8 March at 9:30am.**

## Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'faith-Filled & Hopeful.' 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 recognise those children who have made that extra special effort to follow Jesus' example and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **EYFS: Jesse Year 1: Maksymilian Year 2: Okiemute Year 3: Aoife Year 4: Fraser Year 5: Samuel Year 6: Erin**

## Recommendations:



**EYFS: Isaac, Georgie Year 1: Raye, Corey Year 2: Isabella, Frankie Year 3: Maisie, Mia Year 4: Jewel, Erin Year 5: Isabelle Rose, Anuli Year 6: Zachary, Joseph**



**Attendance** - Our school strives for 100% attendance. This year one of our school priorities is to improve attendance further and we will be assessing attendance as the number of days absent rather than as an attendance %.

**This week the Attendance Award was won by:** Year 4 with 1 day absent.

**This week the Punctuality Award was won by:** Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 with 1 late marks.

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". This means that a child has missed 19 days or 38 sessions of school. This equates to your child missing half a day every week; four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.



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

**Year 3: Leylah Allen Year 5: Anuli Adizie**



### Letters sent home:

Family fast day, SCCT School clothing grant, SATS workshop presentation (Year6)



### Dates for Diary - March 2024

Friday 1 March	All Day	St David's Day - Uniform - Wear Yellow accessory
Tuesday 5 March	9am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 5 March	11:30am	Mother's Day Lunch (A-L)
Thursday 7 March	11:30am	Mother's Day Lunch (W-Z)
Thursday 7 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	5:30 - 6:30pm	PTA Bedtimes Stories
<b>Friday 8 March</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Family Fast Day</b>
Monday 11 March	All Week	Celebrate British STEM Week
Tuesday 12 March	9am	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15 March	All Day	St Patrick's Day - Non Uniform - Wear Something Green
<b>Friday 15 March</b>	<b>7:00 - 9:30pm</b>	<b>PTA Bingo Night</b>
Monday 18 March		Big Lent Walk
<b>Monday 18 March</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Pre- Loved School Uniform Sale</b>
Tuesday 19 March	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents Evening - All Year Groups
Thursday 21 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents Evening - NOT Year 4
Friday 22 March	8:50am	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Monday 25 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parent's Evening - Year 4 ONLY
Monday 25 March	9.00am	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 26 March	2.15pm	KS2 Passion Play
Wednesday 27 March	9.00am	KS2 Passion Play
Thursday 28 March	3.10/3.15pm	Break up for Easter

### Dates for Diary - May 2024

Thursday 2 May	All Day	Polling Day
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>

### Dates for Diary June 2024

<b>Thursday 4 July</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>







## International Women's Day

International Women's Day occurs globally on the 8th March every year in honour of the amazing women who campaigned for women's rights and those who continue to do so today. The theme this year is 'Inspire Inclusion'. This theme focuses on teaching our children to value the inclusion of women as we create a better, and more inclusive, world for all, particularly within the sciences.

Next Friday, each class will be focusing on an inspiring women within their science learning. Please take time to discuss with your child what they have learnt.

Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman  
Head of School

