

Newsletter No 24

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date **Friday 15 March 2024**



First Confession - Year 3

Congratulations to Year 3 who completed their next step into their journey of faith yesterday by having their First Confession at Church with Fr Neil. It was lovely to see so many parents come to support their children during this important time. We look forward to continuing to prepare the children as a school and community for the First Holy Communion in June.



Mass

Year 6 will lead Mass at Church next week, Thursday 21 March at 9.00am. All are welcome.



EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 are invited to decorate an Easter Bonnet for the Parade on **Friday 22 March**. The Easter Bonnet Parade will take place at **8:50am**.

We look forward to seeing all of the children's wonderful bonnets.



KS2 Easter Competition

The theme for this year's KS2 Easter Egg Competition is British Values. A ParentMail has been sent out with information and details. This has also been set as homework for the children.

Entries for this year's KS2 Easter Egg Competition need to be in school on **Friday 22 March** please, not before due to storage.

We can't wait to see your eggcellent creations!



Times Tables Rock Stars

On **Friday 22nd March**, we will be having a relaunch day for Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) in Years 2-6 and Numbots for Reception and Year 1. The children can come to school dressed as a rock star and throughout the day we will be having times tables battles between year groups and staff. This will then become part of the children's homework each week to log on and spend 10 minutes on the times tables battles or Numbots stories.



PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding their Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on **Monday 18 March** straight after school. This is a great opportunity to support the PTA and get some excellent quality pre loved uniform!





Big Lent Walk

Our Big Lent walk will take place next **Monday 18 March** - the theme is pilgrimage. So far we have raised an impressive **£150**. It would be incredible if we could hit our target of **£200!**

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 for all your generous donations and support so far.

Children will need additional footwear for the walk, they can then change into their school shoes afterwards.

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



Stations of the Cross

On **Monday 25 March** we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at **9.00am** in the hall. **All parents welcome.**



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.

KS2 Passion Performances



Our KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) children are excited to perform this years' Passion Play.

On **Monday 25 March at 2.15pm**, there will be a Dress Rehearsal which the SVP and Grandparents of children in KS2 are invited to attend.

There will then be two performances for parents to attend. Due to size of the hall, we request that **only two members per family** are invited to attend one of the events, either

Tuesday 26 March at 2.15pm or Wednesday 27 March at 9.00am.

There will be an Easter Raffle, and tickets are sold at **£1 per ticket or £5 a strip.**

We look forward to seeing you.

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:** Ella **Year 1:** Zachary **T Year 2:** Cara **Year 3:** Evangeline
Year 4: Joshua **Year 5:** Julia **Year 6:** Ruby

Recommendations:



EYFS: Aurora & Zenayah **Year 1:** Helena & Josh **Year 2:** Luke & Bentley
Year 3: Noah C & Jaiden **Year 4:** Scarlett & Euan
Year 5: Evie & Marco **Year 6:** Jessica & Ben



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 1 with 1 day absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Reception/Year 3 with 0 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:

Finley - Year 1

Daniel & Frankie - Year 2

George - Year 6



Letters sent home:

St. Patrick's Day - non uniform & wear something Green / PTA Balti & Bingo / Pre Loved School Uniform Sale / Area Gala Concert - Ensemble pupils



We witnessed a variety of green accessories today to celebrate the feast of St Patrick. Thank you to Year 3 who led a wonderful Mass yesterday with Bidding Prayers that reflected this special feast day.

La feile Padraig shona duit. We wish you all a Happy St Patrick's Day.

Dates for Diary - March 2024		
Monday 18 March		Big Lent Walk
Monday 18 March	After School	Pre- Loved School Uniform Sale
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 & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade & KS2 Egg Competition
Friday 22 March	Entries In	KS2 Easter Competition
Friday 22 March	All Day	TT Rock Stars Dress Up Day
Monday 25 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening - Year 4 ONLY
Monday 25 March	9.00am	Stations of the Cross - Parents Welcome
Monday 25 March	2.15pm	KS2 Passion Play Dress Rehearsal
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
Friday 3 May	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 6 May	All Day	Bank Holiday
Dates for Diary June 2024		
Thursday 4 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 22 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED






Have a lovely weekend

Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal

Mrs C Gorman
Head of School



Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

