

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 22 March 2024



Eggs & Easter Bonnets

As always thank you for getting involved with our fun Easter activities. Congratulations to Sonny (Year 3), Harry (Year 4), Isabelle (Year 5), Ben and Ruby (Year 6) who won the KS2 Decorated Egg contest. As always there were some great and creative designs. Today we enjoyed our Easter bonnet parade by the Reception and KS1 children; again some fantastic creations! Well done to all but especially our winners up Zenayah (EYFS), Sam (Year 1) and Daisy (Year 2) who won the Easter Bonnet competition.



TTRS Day

Today we relaunched our Times Tables Rock Stars for Years 2-6 and Numbots for Reception and Year 1. The children looked fantastic in their outfits and they have all worked hard using the programme today. Please see the letter on ParentMail for further details about the upcoming challenges to focus on our multiplication knowledge.



Dinner Money for next term

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£68.85** is **Friday 19 April 2024**; please make payment through ParentMail.

Thank you.



Big Lent Walk

Well done to all the children (and staff) for taking part in the Big Lent Walk on Monday. We are delighted to say that we have raised £384 so far. There is still time to sponsor the children, please share and click on the link below to do so.

Thank you for all your generous donations and support so far.

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



PTA Balti & Bingo Night

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Balti and Bingo Night last Friday. It was lovely to see parents and parishioners supporting this family event. A total of £158 was raised.



PTA Bedtime Stories

Another great event, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. A total of £90 was raised.

Thank you for your support.



Ensemble

Well done to our very own Ensemble who have worked extremely hard and performance at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on Wednesday. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and a special thank you to Edward Smith for leading them.

St. John Paul II Multi Academy

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Parents' Evenings

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



Holy Week

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.**

Passion Play Performances

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.

Holy Week Mass/Service Times

Palm Sunday Mass - 08:30am and 10:30am Procession

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week - Mass at 10:00am

Wednesday in Holy Week - Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral 11:00am

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday - Morning Prayer 10:00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer 10:00am

Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass - 08:30am & 10:30am

Easter Monday - Men's Mass in St Chad's Cathedral

End of Term



A reminder that we finish this term on **Thursday 28 March** and return to school on **Monday 15 April 2024.**



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:** Elayna **Year 1:** Jasper **Year 2:** Okiemute **Year 3:** Patrick
Year 4: Kenny **Year 5:** Scarlett **Year 6:** Ethan

Recommendations:



EYFS: Callie & Jessie **Year 1:** Harriet & All Year 1 **Year 2:** Connor & Molly
Year 3: Poppy & Abigail **Year 4:** Joel & Niall and all of the Ensemble students
Year 5: Kye and Freddie **Year 6:** Madison & Alves



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: Reception & Year 4 with 2 days absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Year 1/Year 4 & Year 6 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:

Helena - Y1 James and Aoife - Year 3



Letters sent home:

Measles Vaccine / Eco Warriors / Encouraging Open Conversations at Home / Sutton Smile Spa / Job vacancies / Big Lent Walk donation link / TTRock Stars / Year 3 Palm Sunday Mass



Dates for Diary - March 2024

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 - April 2024

Monday 15 April		Return to school
Friday 19 April	9:00am	DINNER MONEY DUE
Tuesday 23 April		Year 1 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

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

Tuesday 4 June		Year 5 Trip to Police Museum
Saturday 8 June	12pm & 3pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Wednesday 12 June		Year 2 Trip Selly Manor
Thursday 13 June		Year 4 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Thursday 13 June		Corpus Christi Procession
Thursday 13 June		Year 3 Communion Breakfast
Monday 17 June		Year 3 Trip Botanical Gardens
Friday 28 June	7:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Party

Dates for Diary July 2024

Monday 1 July		Reception Trip to Thinktank
Thursday 4 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 5 July		Sports Day
Friday 5 July	3:20pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 8 July		Choir to Symphony Hall
10, 11, 12 July	All Day	Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Wednesday 17 July	3:10pm - 4:30pm	PTA Summer Disco
Monday 22 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman
Head of School

