



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"*

Lenten Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

We began this week with a focus on one of our British Values, "Respect". The children offered excellent examples of opportunities to show respect in school, during sporting events, on trips and at home. We linked the British values with our school 'Golden Threads' and our Behavior system. The children were given an opportunity to make suggestions of ways we can improve our school system and this is to be followed up in the next School Parliament meeting.

I have outlined below the Lenten activities planned in school after the half term break. These include a bake ale on Shrove Tuesday which will give us all an opportunity to use up all the sweet treats before the start of Lent. The children in Key stage two will also be preparing a 'Passion service' for our school Easter celebration day.

Please find attached to the email a letter explaining the action that the school will be taking to cover striking teachers.

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Concannon.

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 27th January- Movies and Munchies Night 6:30pm-8pm.
- Monday 6th February- CAFOD assembly and workshops.
- Wednesday 8th February- Mass of enrollment for the Confirmation group. KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament.
- Friday 10th February: School breaks up for the half term break at the end of the day.
- Monday 20th February: School reopens. Fair Trade Week. Burning of the Palms 1:15pm.
- Tuesday 21st February: Shrove Tuesday Cake and book Sale 3:00pm School playground- Mrs Vale and Mrs Brimson to lead.
- Wednesday 22nd February: Ash Wednesday Mass 10:30am Sacred Heart.
- Monday 27th February: Science Week
- Tuesday 7th March: Lego Discovery Centre Year R and 1
- Friday 10th March: School Disco
- Wednesday 22nd March: Ashmolean Fishermen and Shepherds Classes
- Thursday 23rd March: Ashmolean Carpenters Class

Lent

Monday 20th February Burning of the Palms service with Fr Shyju 1:15pm in school.

Shrove Tuesday 21st February: Whole school bake sale. The school is seeking donations of cakes and biscuits (Natasha's Law- Please no nuts and include ingredients list of any home baked goods), which will be sold to the whole school on the playground at the end of the day. All proceeds go to Helen and Douglas house.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February: Mass in Church 10:30am led by Year 6. Distribution of ashes to all pupils.

Thursday 23rd February: Key Stage Two Confessions in church for Catholic children that would like to attend. Mrs Concannon will walk the children to church at 11:00am.

As Easter falls in the school holiday's the Years 4,5 and 6 children will lead a Passion Service on with songs in church on Thursday 30th March as part of the Easter celebration day.

Each class will write new Lenten prayers to add to the Lenten Cross in the hall. Mrs Concannon will read a selection of these prayers at the end of each Gospel assembly.

CAFOD Assembly and Fundraiser:

This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the Climate crisis. CAFOD will be leading an assembly in school and the children will be engaging with workshops before the start of Lent.

Fundraising page: Please donate directly.

<https://cafod.enthus.com/pf/stmarys-ALW>

Every Friday during Lent the children will walk for up to 30 minutes around the school grounds.

8:45-9:15am this will total 6 sessions.

Sponsorship donations can be made direct to the link above. This also links to our Golden Threads of 'well-being', 'resilience' and 'culture'.

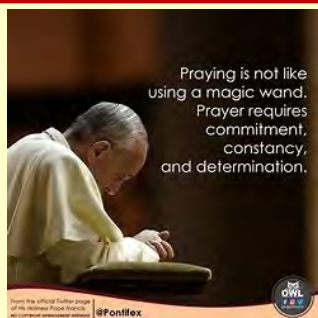
TAPESTRY UPDATE: Tapestry will be up and running again next week. Teachers have been unable to upload due to site maintenance.

Athletics Competition

St Mary's came first in the Athletics competition!
The children will now compete in the final!
Congratulations to all that took part!



Value focus : Commitment and Perseverance



Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

George
Evie
Chloe
Alana
Damonkos
Ben
Atty
Matilda
Sara
Chiara
Leo
Ivy



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