

February 2018 Newsletter



We are in the season of lent when we prepare for Easter through fasting, praying and giving.

We have a number of opportunities for the children to become involved over the next few weeks.

All classes are collecting Coppers for CAFOD.

There is a weekly prayer group which is held on a Wednesday morning at 8.30 before school.

We are very lucky to be spending Holy Week in school again this year. Throughout the week, the events leading up to the death of Jesus are retold and reflected upon.

All of the staff and children take part in this significant time in the Church's year.

Please see below the date and time of your child's liturgy. You are very welcome to come along.

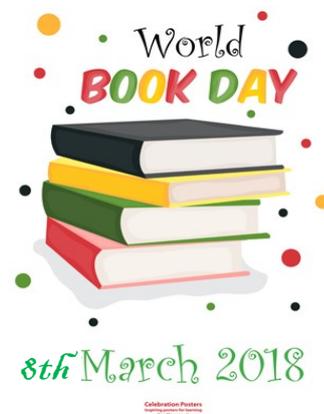
Monday 26th March 2.30—Class 1 & 2—Palm Sunday

Wednesday 28th March 2.30—Class 3 & 4—The Last Supper

Thursday 29th March 2.30—Class 5—The Good Friday Liturgy

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will now be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 8th March. Children and staff are invited to come to school as their favourite book character and there will be a book swap as planned. Other activities will take place during the day too.



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SATs WEEK

This year the year 6 pupils will carry out their SATs between the 14th and the 18th May.

To help the pupils fully prepare for the tests, Booster classes are being held every Monday evening on the lead up to the tests until 4:15pm. These sessions will continue right up until the tests begin, and it includes the **first Monday back after** the Easter holidays, which is the 16th April.

At the moment Miss Evans and Mrs Hill are running the sessions, but after the Easter holidays, Mrs Reineck will also be joining the team.

These sessions are being well attended, so thank you for your support.

Winter Weather

Children are coming in to school suitably dressed and well equipped for winter weather. Our children and staff are thoroughly enjoying opportunities to play in the snow.

A change of shoes is essential when it is snowing to make sure that our children can stay nice and warm and we keep our floors as safe as possible, so thank you for your support.



PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening will take place on the 27th March after school.

Times are available between 3:15 and 5:30 so that all parents have an opportunity to talk about their child's progress.

If there is something you may need to talk to the teacher about that would take longer than the 5 minutes allotted, then please try to arrange a meeting on an alternative day.

Please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

PARENTS PAY

Please can I invite parents and carers to log on to their Parent Pay accounts to check arrears, particularly regarding dinner money. There is a considerable amount of dinner money which is in arrears and we are approaching the end of the financial year for school, so it is really important that our school costings are up to date so that we can set a budget for the coming year.

If you are having any difficulty with Parent Pay please contact the office.

Thank you

Mr Laws in Class 3

No doubt, you have noticed a new face on the yard over the past few weeks. Mr Laws is teaching in class 3 at the moment.



PANCAKE FLIP

The children had a great time as always and they have raised £600 so far. Hope Turnbull from class 4 won the most flips with 131 flips.

SCHOOL OFFICE

As you are aware we have had quite a few changes in the school office since November. Mrs O'Neil has been doing a great job since the start of the new year, but unfortunately she will be moving on shortly, so you will soon see a new face greeting you at the door.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you for your kind wishes and concern for Mrs Starkie. We wish her a continued recovery.

THANK
YOU!

A **MASSIVE** thank you to Mr Craggs. He has been working really hard to make sure that the school has had clear accessible paths for everyone during the snow, and as you can imagine it takes a lot of time and hard work.

Dates for your diary

6th March—Class 1 trip to the Hancock has been re-arranged

6th March (am) - Year 3/4 Football festival at Soccarena

6th / 13th /20th March 3-4:40—Archery Club

7th March 2:30—Class 5 Holi assembly parents welcome.

8th March—World Book Day celebrations

13th March (am) - Year 1/2 Football Festival at Soccarena

16th March 2:15—Mothers Day Coffee Afternoon

21st March 9-10:30—Class 1 Stay and Play

27th March—Parents evening

29th March—Break up for the Easter holidays



Return to school—Monday 16th April