



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 22: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel message teaches us about how the disciples saw Jesus' true, loving self, shining like the rays of the sun. We have thought about the ways that we can let our true light shine brightly through our behaviour towards other people.

In assembly, we also thought about the symbol of the rainbow given to Noah as a sign of hope and how Lent is a time to remember that Jesus is the fulfilment of all of our hopes.

We are embracing our journey through Lent in school. Thank you to everyone who has supported the initiatives led by the Mini Vinnies in order to help both our local and global families. We raised money for Cafod today by having the choice of soup and a roll for lunch and we have collected toiletries for our local food bank. Thank you so much for your generosity with this. Next Friday, the Mini Vinnies are asking if you can kindly donate Easter eggs and the Friday after that we will be asking for tins.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Y5/6 maths parent workshop on Wednesday - we hope you found it informative.

Thank you, also, to the parents who attended the Y3 Sacramental workshop yesterday afternoon. This was a lovely opportunity to help the children prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We had a great PTA meeting on Wednesday. There are some exciting plans and fundraising events in the pipeline. A newsletter is being produced to share these with you. There are two events this half term that we would welcome your support with. The first is the Mother's Day shop. This will take place in school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please make the payment via the gateway if you would like your child to choose a gift for someone special.

There is a PTA spring disco planned for the children on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. (This is also the date of our Lenten Spring Fayre.) Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on this date. The disco will take the same format as was successful in the autumn term. Nursery will have some party games in their classroom, YR, Y1 and the Y2 disco will be 2:15-3pm and KS2 will be 3:15-4:15pm. Please pay via the gateway. We look forward to sharing exciting plans for some of the funds raised soon.

Our thoughts are with Fr. Craig who is recovering from an operation. We are missing you in school and praying for a speedy recovery so that we can see you very soon.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

### Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been using some fantastic vocabulary in their writing and being really positive role models, demonstrating a love for learning and beautiful manners.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YN and Y1 for trying their best in all lessons

Our lunchtime award went to Y2 for excellent behaviour at lunchtime and super listening to instructions.

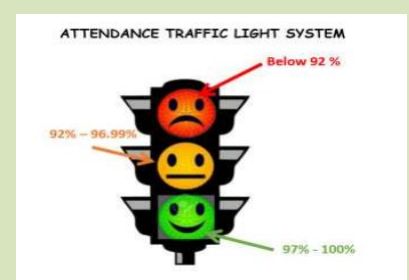
Our Attendance winners for this week are Y4 with 98%

### Attendance

It can be difficult deciding whether or not to keep your child off school if you feel they are unwell. There are government guidelines about managing specific illnesses:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We are reviewing all attendance and if your child's attendance does dip, we will be in touch to see whether there is any support we can offer.





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### Notices

- Our School Council are such an enthusiastic and hard working group of children. Led by Mrs Smith, they have come up with some fantastic ideas that they are looking into this year. They have advocated the dressing up to celebrate book day, suggesting ideas for additions to school lunches and thinking about clubs the children would like to see introduced. This morning, they have completed a 'tuck watch', having a look at the kinds of snacks being brought in for playtime. We will share the findings with you.
- Mrs Smith, our PE leader, is organising a brilliant sport fundraising day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March with our professional dance teacher, Riley. The children were so excited to hear an inspiring talk from Riley this morning. Sponsor forms will be sent home tonight. Please look out for them and we welcome all support with this!
- If you have any outdoor gardening pots of any size to recycle, please could you consider donating them to school. We will use them to grow plants for the summer.
- Holy Week Assemblies: Different year groups will be leading assemblies to talk us through the events of Holy Week. These will take place on the following dates. Parents are welcome to attend. They all start at 9:10am.
- Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y1 and Y2 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

### Events

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - YR Reading Workshop - please see separate letter

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm  
Y6 Confirmation

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - We are encouraging children to dress as a character in celebration of World Book Week. Please note that we do not want parents to buy anything special for the occasion. It could be that your child already has an outfit or accessory that they could wear, or perhaps they would like to make something like a prop from the book, that they could bring with them.

Fridays - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (every Friday until Easter)

Maths workshops this half term - please see separate letter

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 Y3/4  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 Y1/2

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am Family Mass

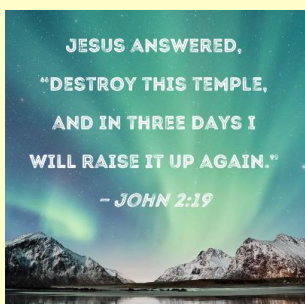
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Sport fundraiser day  
YN Workshop - please see separate letter

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Art Gallery after school - more details to follow

### Reflection and Prayer

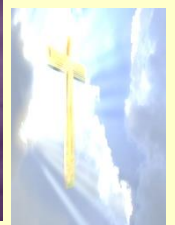
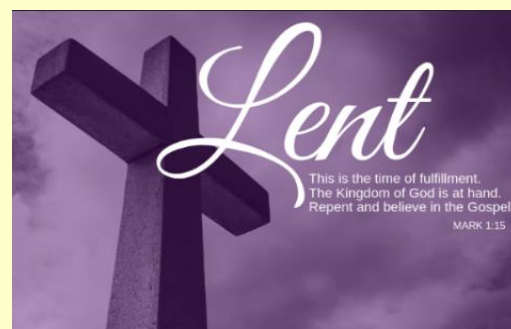
#### This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent.

Jesus said, 'My father's house is a house of prayer.'  
The house of God is a place of prayer where we can be close to God.



#### Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.  
Amen



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher