



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 23: Friday 8th March 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Canon Paul McNally, who Confirmed Year Six last night. Canon Paul discussed with the children the meaning of Pentecost, the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit and the saints who have resonated and inspired our children. Our Confirmation Mass yesterday evening was such a wonderful occasion. We are proud to celebrate our year six children - well done. Thank you to all families and our staff for helping prepare the children so thoroughly.

We are continuing our journey through Lent in school and thinking about our key words 'give, act, pray' and how we can put them into action as part of our preparation. Thank you to everyone who has supported the initiatives led by the Mini Vinnies in order to help both our local and global families. This week we were overwhelmed with the number of Easter eggs you have donated for the local food bank - thank you! Next Friday, the Mini Vinnies are asking if you can kindly donate tins and the Friday after that we will be asking for treats - biscuits, crisps, chocolate. Our annual Spring Fayre will take place on Friday 15th March. Please have a look on your child's class page for more details of the stall your child will be involved in preparing.

Thank you to our hard working and dedicated PTA who prepared the Mother's Day gift shop today. We hope all moms, grandparents, aunties, sisters and friends enjoy their beautiful gifts!

The children picked their own gifts from the shop ranging from cupcakes, jewellery, ornaments and more. The PTA have expressed that the children all put such thought and care into the presents they were choosing for a special person in their lives - their manners were impeccable and they were a credit to you.

There is a PTA spring disco planned for the children on Friday 15th 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 with you how much money is raised from these successful events. Thank you, also, to the PTA for purchasing the Y6 Confirmation cake and the treat boxes that they will be bringing home today.

Finally, well done to all of the children and staff who made a huge effort for World Book Day! We had a fantastic day celebrating and promoting the joy of reading and the children completed activities all around their favourite books. We had a wide range of characters from Harry Potter, Where's Wally, detectives, superheroes, princesses and many more! Pictures will shortly be making their way onto Twitter and the school website.

Well done, also, to the children who took part in the football fun day today and to Miss Floyd for supporting them. We look forward to hearing all about it. What a busy week!

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 working so hard to listen to feedback in order to improve their writing and demonstrating some fantastic historical and scientific knowledge.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y5 and Y6 for their wonderful work with play leadership and Confirmation.

Our lunchtime award went to Y4 and Y6 for excellent and improved behaviour at lunchtime.

Our winning Saint Stars team was St Cecilia - they earnt extra break!

Attendance

The importance of school attendance has been in the news over the past week, with the Government guidance and stance on the importance of attendance being updated for September. We are reviewing our own procedures in light of this and provide you with updates in due course.





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Notices

- Our series of parent workshops has continued this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the YR reading workshop on Tuesday and the Y3/4 maths workshop on Wednesday. We hope you found them informative.
- Our School Council completed a 'tuck watch' last week. Please find attached an interesting and informative letter outlining their findings. Please have a chat to your children about a healthy diet, different food groups and healthy snack choices. School Council would like to come back to this topic in a few weeks and have another look at snack choices.
- Mrs Smith, our PE leader, is organising a brilliant sport fundraising day on Thursday 14th March with our professional dance teacher, Riley. The children were so excited to hear an inspiring talk from Riley last week. Sponsor forms have been sent home. 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 18th March](#)
- [Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 19th March](#)
- [Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 20th March](#)
- [Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 21st March](#)

Events

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

Maths workshops this half term - please see separate letter
Wednesday 13th March 3:30pm Y1/2

Sunday 10th March 9:30am Family Mass - all welcome

Thursday 14th March - Sport fundraiser day

Thursday 14th March 4pm
YN Parent Workshop - please see separate letter

Friday 15th March PTA Discos

Thursday 21st March - Art Gallery after school - more details to follow

Friday 22nd March 1:30pm End of term

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

We think about Jesus as the light of the world.

Jesus said to Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that he sent his only son to be the light and to save those who believed in him.

We have nothing to fear from the light because we are close to God.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

LORD, THE LIGHT OF
YOUR LOVE is shining,
In the midst of the
darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth
You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

