



St John's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

In Lent, we will walk with Jesus through the wilderness toward the cross, giving us a time of inward reflection, of repentance, forgiveness, and spiritual preparation. During Lent we think more deeply about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to be changed into his likeness, and to follow him step by step. During Lent, children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

We are now getting ready for our Lenten journey which starts on Ash Wednesday (this year, during the February half term holiday): Fr Peter will lead a service for the children in church on Wednesday 21st February at 2.45pm – all welcome to attend.

Our **Easter Service** is in church led by Year 5 on **Friday 23rd March at 10.30am** – all welcome to attend.

Please join us in church for mass at 8.15am on Thursdays throughout Lent, with toast, hot chocolate/tea in the school hall afterwards (for a small donation to Cafod). We would be very grateful for any volunteers who could help prepare and serve the tea and toast on Thursday mornings. Please see Mrs Hodgson.

We are asked to pray, fast and take part in works of love during Lent, and so our classes are organising the following, with all monies raised for Cafod and Caritas Care:

- Week beginning 19th Feb:** Whole school Lenten Journey Liturgy led by Fr Peter
Y6 are selling Easter egg raffle tickets over the next 5 weeks, 50p each – maximum £1 spend (thank you in advance to all parents for supplying eggs for the raffle); Reception children will be given information about their Lenten Smartie tube fundraising activity
- Thursday 1st March:** World Book Day – children may dress as a book character if they wish;
Reception children are having a 'bedtime story day'
- Friday 2nd March:** Y1 and Y2 are selling cakes at playtime for a minimum donation of 50p (thank you in advance to Y1, 2 parents for supplying the cakes to sell)
- Wednesday 7th March:** Y4 sponsored swim
- Mon 12 Mar-Fri 16 March:** Games, stalls, activities organised by Y3 and Y5: £1 to join in all week
- Thursday 22nd March:** Grand Easter Egg Raffle (now might be a good time to explain to your child about the rules of a raffle: you have to be 'in it to win it', and that not every ticket is a winner)

The PTFA AGM is in school on Monday 19th February at 6pm. All welcome to attend.

Thursday 1st March is St David's Day: children in the yellow house may wear their own clothes on this day.

On Friday 9th March, the children are having an assembly presented by Fairtrade ambassadors who will give us an insight into Fairtrade.

Saturday 17th March is St Patrick's Day: children in the green house may wear their own clothes on Friday 16th March.

On Friday 16th March, the PTFA have kindly organised for a local author (Dan Worsley) to come into school to work with some classes. Also on Friday 16th March, a representative from CAFOD will come into school to work with some classes.

Year 4 have been invited to perform Samba at a charity concert evening on Thursday 22nd March.

Parents' evenings: 6th/8th March – book your own slot via the text coming soon

A date for Y6 parents: Thursday 12th April 4.30pm – a SATs information session regarding end of KS2 testing arrangements.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs G Hodgson
Headteacher

FEBRUARY 2018

- 19 Start school
- 19 PTFA AGM 6pm in school

MARCH 2018

- 1 St David's Day – yellow house own clothes
- 6 Parents' evening 4-7pm
- 8 Parents' evening 4-7pm
- 9 Fairtrade assembly
- 15 Y5 educational visit
- 16 St Patrick's Day (Sat) – green house own clothes
- 16 Author visit
- 16 CAFOD visit
- 22 Y4 Samba performance – charity concert
- 23 Easter Service 10:30am in church. Close school 1:30pm



APRIL 2018

- 9 Start school
- 23 St George's Day – red house own clothes

MAY 2018

- 7 May Day – School closed
- 14-17 SATs week for Y6
- 17 Induction evening for new reception parents
- 21 KS2 sports (reserve date 23rd)
- 25 Close school for half term 3.30pm

JUNE 2018

- 11 Start school
- 11 Phonics week for Y1
- 13-15 Year 6 residential visit to Borwick Hall
- 20 KS1 sports (reserve date 25th June)
- 29 Y3 Holy Communion Final Celebration

JULY 2018

- 4 Grandparents' Tea Party
- 9 KS2 Musical 2pm
- 10 KS2 Musical 6.30pm
- 11 KS2 Musical 6.30pm
- 13 Reports out
- 16 Report consultation
- 17 Volunteer helpers' Thank You Afternoon
- 24 Leavers' Mass 9.30am, close school 1.30pm

