



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 18th March 2016

*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn,
love and respect one another to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Reconciliation Service

On Tuesday evening 25 Year 3 children, 22 from our school and 3 from our Parish made their sacrament of first reconciliation. Congratulations and well done to the children who were wonderful. This was a beautiful service due to the careful planning and involvement of many adults and children. I would like to thank Father John, Father Kevin and Father Waring and also the catechists, parish youth choir and members of our school choir, Trevor the organist, the Pupil Chaplains and Miss Smith, Mrs Lambert, Miss Britnell, Mrs Webb and Mr Connolly. A final thank you to you as parents and family members for supporting your child on their journey of faith.

Stations of the Cross

Miss Britnell and the children in school will continue, each day next week, with Stations of the Cross, at 8.45am in the Year 1 classroom. All children, parents, family members and parishioners are very welcome to attend. Junior children wishing to join do not need to go in to class early for 'response to marking' time.

The 'Big Question' this week

This week, in our assembly, we talked about Lent. This week we are asking:-

- "What have you learned about yourself, your faith and God through your own Lenten practices?"

Please discuss this with your child.

"Purple Thoughtful Thursdays"

To support our fundraising for St Joseph's Penny, next Thursday will be the last Thursday, where the children are invited to wear an item of purple clothing/hair accessory alongside the remainder of their full school uniform.



St Joseph's Penny Boxes

These can be returned to school at any time, preferably before the Easter break. Thank you for your support with this.

"Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day

On Wednesday, 23rd March our school will be supporting the "Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day by asking the children to attend school wearing non-uniform - purple if possible or blue if they do not have purple.

Purple Day is an International grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about Epilepsy worldwide. Annually, on the 26th March, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of Epilepsy awareness. Last year, people in dozens of countries on all continents including Antarctica participated in Purple Day!

This is a very worthwhile cause and, as you may know, we have a pupil in school who suffers from Epilepsy and so we very much value this opportunity to raise funds and awareness whilst supporting a cause so close to all of our hearts. Last year we raised a wonderful £265.06 and would love to exceed this if we can.

We are asking the children to 'pay' £1 to attend in non-uniform. We will be holding a class competition to 'guess the number of purple balloons' which is 50p if your child wishes to take part. Cakes will be on sale at morning break in the dining room, if your child would like to bring in some extra money for this. Please can you support this event by donating cakes, for the cake stall. These can be brought in pre-morning break on the day.

STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

For part of this week, the children have worked in mixed age groups and with different teachers to design and create a moving object. This has been a fun week with lots of creativity and paint!! You are invited to view the children's creations today as follows:-

The Juniors creations will be set out in the hall. Parents are invited to view these in the school hall in 2 timetabled slots of 2.15pm - 2.40pm for children who have worked with Miss Smith or Miss Acklam and 2.55pm - 3.15pm for children who have worked with Mrs Jackson or Mr Connolly.

The Infants will showcase their creation in the classrooms. Parents will be invited to come and look at their work between 3.00pm -3.20pm.

Due to the number of children and logistics we ask that you attend in the 'correct' session. If you have children in more than one year group there will be enough time for you to visit both sessions.

Thank you to Mr Connolly, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Thornton for organising this.

Packed Lunch Children: Easter "Special" Lunch

Mrs Coar is cooking a "Fancy Easter Cupcake" lunch on the last day of termThursday, 24th March consisting of:-

- Burger in a teacake
- Fish Fingers
- Chips
- "Fancy" Easter Cupcake

If your child usually has a packed lunch, on a Thursday and would like a school dinner instead please send in the appropriate money (£2.20) to Mrs Moon.

Year 6 Tower Challenge

Our Year 6 recently took part in the "Tower Building Challenge" sponsored by Johnson Matthey. The children worked really well, in teams, to build the tallest freestanding structure. We now wait to see whether we are successfully through to the next round. Well done children.

Lost Property

Our lost property is overflowing particularly with sweatshirts, therefore, next Wednesday, 23rd March, at 3.30pm, the lost property will be laid out on tables in the dining room. Please check to see if any of it belongs to your child/children.

Can I also ask that children ensure they take home their PE kit and lunch boxes, at the end of the week, in order for them to be washed and ready for the start of the Summer term.

Bags to School

We will be organising Bags to School next term and these will be collected after our Easter break on Tuesday, 19th April.

The bags should be arriving shortly and will be sent home for you to "fill" over the Easter holidays. Here's the ideal opportunity to sort out any winter clothes that won't fit, any summer clothes that are now too small, bedding, towels, etc. Unfortunately, they will not accept damaged or worn out items or school uniform. A full list of items accepted is provided on the bag.

My Skillz at the Grand

Well done to the children who took part in the finale of the My Skillz project at the Grand on Tuesday evening. They were amazing and had lots of fun!

The RAISE Talent Show organised by the Grand

This week the children have been sharing their talents with their classmates as part of auditions for the Raise Talent Show. The school based final took place today. Our team

of judges, from Year 6, had a very tough job in deciding the winner. One act, Amber, was successful in making it through to the final at the Grand against acts from other local schools. All of the children who took part were wonderful as were our pupil judges and compare. This talent show is not only about showcasing the amazing skills of our children but is in aid of a very good cause, the Solomon Project which helps to feed children in Africa.

Thank you to Chris, Jim and Louise from the Grand for organising this wonderful event. The final will take place at the Grand on Friday, 15th April with representatives from other schools.

Next Week at School

Monday, 21 st March	Holy Week
Monday, 21 st March	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, 22 nd March	Infant Easter Assembly - parents welcome (10.00am)
Tuesday, 22 nd March	Parents' Evening - Singles
Wednesday, 23 rd March	"Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day
Wednesday, 23 rd March	Lost Property to be displayed in the dining room (3.30pm)
Wednesday, 23 rd March	Parents' Evening - Families
Thursday, 24 th March	Maundy Thursday
Thursday, 24 th March	Junior Easter Assembly - parents welcome (2.30pm)
Thursday, 24 th March	School closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday, 12 th April	School re-opens to pupils

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher

