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

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to a new half term. We have another packed term for the children and hope to welcome you in to school for various events. Parents evening is coming up and letters will be sent home on Monday. Please ensure you send these back in so that appointments can be allocated. The building work has started as I'm sure you are aware. Thank you for your patience with this. Please can I remind you that where possible, children are not bought to the main entrance to gain access to school. The door is only opened if there is someone in the office to release the door. There is a video camera intercom that will not pick up children due to their size.

Goodbye & Thankyou

We said goodbye to Miss Abrahams this week who has been our welfare assistant and volunteer help in the classroom since 2013. She has secured a new job in a nursery and we wish her well.

Ash Wednesday Mass

There is a whole school mass on Wednesday 1st March at 9.15am. All are welcome.

Lent

In school, we will be continuing to help the children to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. We help them understand that Lent is about trying to become closer to Jesus through Prayer, Penance and Alms-giving. Each class will have a special time of prayer each day. We try to make Penance a positive act so rather than giving something up, we encourage the children to actively show they are trying to be more like Jesus - perhaps by helping at home, being more patient with others, doing what they are asked the first time!

St Joseph's penny boxes will be sent home next week and introductory assembly will be given to the children to explain where the money will go to and how it is used. This is being led by the Caritas school ambassadors.



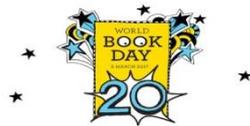
Father Waring's Funeral

On Wednesday some of our staff and choir attended the funeral mass of Fr Waring. It was a very moving service for a very much loved a popular Priest from the parish. Thank you to the children who sang so beautiful the hymn that Fr Waring loved.



Story telling

On Thursday Year 4 were due to go to Wimpy Homes development to hear author Racheal Lindsay read one of her fabulous books The Warrior Troll. Due to storm Doris, we decided to bring the story telling to school and keep the children warm and dry!. They had a fantastic time listening to her story and having interaction with the 'trolls'. We have purchased her collection of books and look forward to reading them to the children.



World Book Day

This is being held on Thursday 2nd March and we ask if the children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters. Don't worry if you can't find a costume and don't go to any expense. If they can donate £1 towards the PTA and they will receive a World Book day voucher.

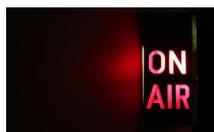


PTA -disco

Thankyou to all who attended the Valentines disco. You helped to raise £366 towards the picnic benches and bike stands.

Film Night

KS1 had their film night today. It was a great success with over 40 children enjoying the film. Thankyou to the PTA who organised this and to Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Thornton, Miss Britnell and Mrs Collinge for staying to help. Next Friday 3rd, it will be the juniors turn. They will be watching The BFG. If you would like your child to attend please send £5 in to the office before Friday so we can cater for them. Hotdogs, sweets and a drink are included in the cost.



Grand radio show

Over a few months 4 of our year 6 students, Emily, Daniel, Hayden and Flossie have been going to the Grand to produce and record facts about smoking. This was finally edited and recorded on Tuesday and was played on Ribble FM. This will be repeated on Sunday 26th between 1-3pm. Please tune in to 106.7fm to hear it.

Sainsburys Vouchers

Reminder that we are collecting vouchers. Please send these in to school so we can use them to 'purchase' new equipment.

What we have been doing this week

Reception- They have had fun on the computers investigating Spring and learning where food comes from

Year 1 - They have been doing division in maths and reading the Enormous Turnip and writing a character description

Year 2- They launched their farm shop topic this week by growing beans and cress.

Year 3- They have been measuring angles in maths, looking at the Iron man book and learning about earthquakes in Geography.

Year 4- They have been looking at classifying organisms and have started learning about different parts and the meanings of mass.

Year 5- They have started designing rollercoasters in DT using their Science & Maths skills

Year 6- They have been doing a Sherlock Holmes investigation in English. In maths they have been solving scale and ratio problems and in PHSE they have been looking at citizenship - Making laws on planet Zargon.

Next week

Monday 27th Feb- High 5 netball match at Oakhill 4.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass

Thursday 2nd - World Book Day £1 donation

Friday 3rd - Parents assessment meeting 9.15am

Friday 3rd - Year 6 Celebration assembly

Friday 3rd - KS2 film night 3.30-5.30pm £5 entry

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