



St. Mary's Catholic

Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 4th March 2022

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*'Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*



Dear Parent/Carer

Another wonderful week in school in which pupils have thought about the special period of Lent. Deacon John led us in a special service on Ash Wednesday and all were invited to receive Ashes. During this time we reflect upon what we may wish to give up or what extra kind thing we can do to help us be like Jesus.



On Thursday we had our first Lenten Mass and Breakfast and it was lovely many were able to join us. Canon Adrian talked about the special period of Lent and challenged us to do one extra kind thing each day? Can you rise to this challenge at home? As we *'live our lives as Jesus taught us'* we look to help those less fortunate or those in need. We are all aware of the very difficult situation within Ukraine at present. CAFOD have created this prayer which you may wish to say at home;

Loving God,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine for
all those suffering or afraid that you will be
close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world that in this moment of
crisis we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that peace
and justice become a reality for the
people of Ukraine and for all the world.*

Amen.

Thank you for your donations of nappies, wipes, blankets etc. for those in need. Cllr. Abram, one of our School Governors kindly took items to the drop off point at the Kinderhub on Wednesday. Cllr. Abram shared she was moved by the number of donations and extends thanks to all our families. Jensen Swann and Sebastian King, Class 4 ,came along to drop off even more donations this morning to the KinderHub.

"I felt really good being the one who delivered this for charity and to help the people in Ukraine" Sebastian

"It was good to help and do charity work again. I hope the people in Ukraine will be happy again" Jensen



Nicholas Bielas- Barnes, Class 3 was also inspired on a personal level as he has relatives in Poland who are seeing first-hand the need of the refugees. He collected from his local area. He shares this prayer too -



I thank you also for the cash donations we have received. We shall continue to collect throughout Lent and all monies raised will be shared with CAFOD for the Ukraine appeal and local Cancer charities.

The next two weeks activities are shown below;

Wednesday 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 10 th March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	Colour stalls- Bring in spending money and colour items to sell! Matthew - Yellow Mark - Red Luke - Blue John - Green
Thursday 17 th March	Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
	St. Patricks Day – Wear Green/ Something to celebrate St. Patricks day and bring £1.00 Monies to be shared with CAFOD (Ukraine appeal) and Cancer charities

World Book Day – 3.3.22

What an action packed day we had in school to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day. Some fabulous costumes Dorothy, Harry Potter, Cruella Deville, Gangster Granny and Spiderman to name just a few!!

Pupils enjoyed listening to our Teaching Assistants sharing their special stories- swapping classes.

Swap a Book was a lovely opportunity for EVERYONE in school including all our Big School Adventure friends to choose a special book to take home.



Covid- 19- Important information

As you will be aware the Government have published their 'Living with Covid' plan effective from 24.2.22. As I write, we await additional/ further guidance from our Local Authority and, as you will appreciate, each school will have to ensure that they apply any guidance in such a manner it supports their own setting and their individual risk assessment so that we can work to keep each other safe.

A key change is that the 'Legal' requirement to Self-Isolate has been removed, however, the guidance STILL STATES that people who are positive should isolate to prevent the spread see below:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

"Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting"

Whilst there are many positives in moving forward it remains our priority to **keep everyone safe and ensure school remains open**. I will continue to advise you and keep families fully informed as we receive any additional guidance or information.

In Summary;

- At present anyone presenting with symptoms of Covid -19 are encouraged to seek a PCR test. Testing is **still available** (guidance will be updated 1.4.22)
- Anyone who tests positive for Covid- 19 should follow the above guidance and remain at home
- Any pupil who is unwell should remain at home. If pupils have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea they should remain at home for 48 hours.

Celebration Assembly – Family Invitation

We would like to begin to invite our families back into school and I know you are all excited and keen to come and celebrate your children's achievements once more. Whilst we continue to return to a 'more normal' – we are mindful of the need to make small steps in order to keep each other safe and support wellbeing recognising everyone has different comfort levels.

Initially therefore we would invite those parents/ carers of the pupil's being celebrated only at this point. If you child's name is on the bottom section of this newsletter we would welcome you to come along next **Friday 12th March at 9.15 am**. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. To attend the Celebration Assembly please come down to the Hall via the driveway.

School Holiday/ Term dates

Please note our term dates can be found on our website. On 22/23 dates one ammendment has been made and school closes on 15.12.22.

EAT Competition

Mr. C's EAT competition is up and running and your child should have brought home a letter. Copies of this are also on our website . Entries must be in no later than Friday 1st April.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our Breakfast and After School clubs each day. I know this is invaluable service for many families.

In order to book spaces we ask that families complete a booking form and send payment in at the time of booking. **We are only able to secure booking with payments.** We have limits on the maximum pupils that are able to attend due to staffing and ratios so please do complete the relevant forms well in advance.

Our clubs are run on a non-profit basis to provide a service to our families. If we do not receive payments in advance and have outstanding payments due we will not be able to continue to run our clubs.

Should you require a booking form for either please see Mrs Lofthouse or Miss Harrison
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.15 pm each week. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

AFC Fylde Easter Camp

Our Coach, Dan shares this link to the AFC Fylde Easter Activity Camp. This camp is run externally to school so any questions/ queries would have to be via AFC Fylde directly.



**EASTER
ACTIVITY CAMP**

MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK ONE)
MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL (WEEK TWO)



8AM - 5PM AT KIRKHAM
ST MICHAELS PRIMARY
SCHOOL

**BOOK YOUR
PLACE NOW!**

SCAN ME

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Jimmy Skeffington	Sandra Stec	Edward Stevens
Class 2	Nabila Malek	Darcey Chambers	Bailey Jenkin
Class 3	Tommy Holland-Bass	Tymon Niezgoda	Jonah Maduka
Class 4	Chloe Moore	Jack Spickett	Luke Moyes

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"

