



22nd February 2017

Dear Parents and families

I hope you have all enjoyed a great half term break with your family. I can't believe the difference in the daylight hours...spring is on its way!

We have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of super learning adventures, which I know the children will all enjoy.

On Monday Tesco spent the morning with Year 2, investigating many aspects of healthy eating, with lots of food tasting! On Tuesday Year 5 enjoyed a great morning at the Pax Christi secondary school, Christ The King. They enjoyed a maths lesson on 2D shape and a technology lesson in thermoplastics.

Next Wednesday we are celebrating Mass in school for the start of Lent and the chaplains will be giving out the ashes. All families will be very welcome to join us at 9.30am (please come into the foyer after dropping your child off.)

Our girls' and boys' football teams have a number of matches before Easter, starting with SH v Mapperley Plains on 1.3.17 at 3.45pm at home. Full fixture lists will be available on the website and sports notice board in the hall. Please come and cheer from the sidelines to support our teams.

We will be sending letters home next week regarding the spring term parent consultation evenings. Please look out for these letters in the children's bags and ensure you return your request as soon as possible. Whilst each appointment can only be ten minutes with the class teacher, you can spend time celebrating your child's achievements as they share their work with you and show you their classrooms.

The NSPCC are coming into school on Wednesday 15 March to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe, generally and online. This will be in Key Stage assemblies, to help the children's understanding of the important messages of keeping safe from dangers. They are then going to come back the following week to lead some workshops with the year 5 & year 6 children. Full details will be provided later this week in a letter provided by the NSPCC. We have agreed to have a 'Wear your own clothes day' on Wednesday 15.3.17 to raise funds for the NSPCC and Childline, which I'm sure you will agree is a very worthy cause.

Please see the rest of the newsletter to get a full picture of the rest of this half term's events.

World Book Day Celebrations!



On Thursday 2 March we are celebrating World Book Day in school. The children have decided they would like to either wear a costume related to a book character or the pajamas! This decision was made through the School Parliament, voicing the children's ideas from their classes.

Each class will be celebrating the day through a variety of activities, finishing with an assembly to share some of the fun with the school. All family members are very welcome to join us for assembly at 2.40pm.

Please help your child to select their favourite book from home to bring into school to share with their class friends during the day. Please put your child's name in the front of the book to ensure they don't get lost in the class library! We have asked for a £1 donation on the day which the children will use to buy a new selection of comics for their class libraries.

We will ensure that photos of the day will be put on the website to enable you to share in the fun!



Assemblies, Masses, Collective Worship:

Thurs 23.2.17 Yr2 lead assembly @2.40
 Thursday 2.3.17 World Book Day @2.40
 Thurs 9.3.17 Yr1 lead assembly @2.40
 Thurs 16.3.17 Yr4 lead St Patrick's day assembly @2.40
 Thurs 23.3.17 Y3 lead assembly @2.40
 Thurs 30.3.17 Yr5 lead assembly @2.40

Wed 1.3.17 Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30 in school

Stations of the Cross 2.30 at church
 Yr6 10.3.17
 Yr5 17.3.17
 Yr4 24.3.17
 Yr3 31.3.17

All families are very welcome to join us for these services.



For your
Calendar

Next PTA meeting
27 February 2017 @ 5pm

In the school hall.
New members very welcome!



After School Clubs: Spring Term 2017

Monday – Choir all welcome; FS2 & KS1 Multisport; Yr6 Booster Maths

Tuesday – Craft club; Yr6 Booster Reading

Wednesday – Lego club all welcome; Chaplaincy Yr4-6;

Homework club KS2; and French Club

Thursday – Games club all welcome; Soft Ball Archery Y2-Y6 (booking details via the office)

Friday – KS2 Hockey; Italian club; Film club (5pm) and KS2 Homework club

The sports clubs are financed through our Government Sports Grant. Yr6 Booster classes are free of charge to support the children in readiness for the government tests. All other school clubs are £3.00 per session or £5.00 for 2 children & £7.00 for 3 children. Employee Childcare Vouchers can also be used to cover the costs. Pupil Premium funding can also be used towards the cost of these clubs. (Any family in receipt of Government funding may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding which can be used towards breakfast club, after school clubs, uniform, school meals in KS2, school trips and additional support in class. Please seek confidential advice from either Ms Timewell or myself.)

French, Italian and Softball Archery are private providers and will be charged at their required rates. Please ask the office for more details.

Chaplaincy Team support the parish!

A huge well done to our chaplains and choir who all participated so well at Mass on Sunday 5 February. Lots of parishioners, Fr Joe and Joe all congratulated them on how well they carried out their roles and responsibilities. They were a credit to the school and their families and I thank you all for your hard work and reverence.

Our Chaplains will be participating at 10.30am Mass on the following weekends: Sunday 26 March (Mother's day) and Sunday 21 May.

Please bring your families to these special Masses.

Family Fast Day- The chaplains are organizing a loose change challenge!

So look out for their letter coming soon and save your coins.



Easter Events:

Easter Raffle- Please start bringing your donations of Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. I'm looking out for offers- please let me know if you spot any bargains!

Easter Mass Friday 21 April, in church, led by Year 2 – This is due to Easter Sunday falling at the end of the Easter holiday, so we thought we would celebrate the first week back after the holidays.

Easter Neon Disco – the day finishes with a family celebration, run by the PTA, for us all to enjoy 5-7pm (Friday 21.4.17) in the school hall. Come and enjoy a great family evening with all your friends.

Wishing you all a great half term, leading through Lent on our journey to Easter. Best wishes from Mrs Taylor

Dates for the diary:



Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in school on Tuesday 27 June at 9.30am. Please try to join our school community for such a special event.

Ash Wednesday Mass in school 1.3.17

World Book Day 2.3.17

Stations of the cross Friday 2.30pm in church

Yr6 10.3.17

Yr5 17.3.17

Yr4 24.3.17

Yr3 31.3.17

CAFOD Family Fast Day fun 10.3.17

Mini Soccer tournament 28.3.17 @ 3.30pm Sacred Heart CVA

Easter/ Spring Holiday; Monday 3.4.17 to Monday 17.4.17

School re-opens on Tuesday 18.4.17 due to Easter weekend and bank holiday being at the end of the two week holiday (Easter Sunday 16.4.17).

Easter Mass – Fri 21.4.17

PTA forthcoming

Events:

Family Disco Friday 21.4.17

5-7.0pm

Family ticket £5 (2adults & up to 3 children) or £2 on the door.

Fundraising Meal at

The Elwes Arms

Friday 5th May £15.00 per ticket.

Set menu available from PTA

Ladies Fashion Show

Friday 16 June 7-9pm

Tickets £5 each includes a free glass of wine

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