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NEWSLETTER

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LENT

During Lent, we will be focusing on the themes of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have a number of events and activities that have been planned for the children to support them in their Lenten journey. We held a reconciliation service in school on Thursday 21st March with Fr. Tom and Fr. Laurie hearing the confessions of Years 4, 5 and 6.

As a whole school, we will have a '**Stations of the Cross**' liturgy on Friday 5th April.

The Mini-Vinnies/Faith in Action group will be leading the **Rosary** on a Wednesday morning break time for KS1 and a Thursday morning break time for KS2.

Prayer for Generosity

Lord Jesus

As the Father sent you into the world, so you send me to show all people your love.

Let my hands be your hands, my words be your words, so that I may give your love to everyone I meet and help spread this love to the ends of the earth,
Amen

SOCKS FOR SOUTH AFRICA APPEAL – CRAZY SOCK DAY

A couple of weeks ago, some students from St. Mary's, Menston came to lead an assembly for our children on the Bambisanani appeal. Each year students embark on a journey to South Africa to deliver a leadership programme to a high school in one of South Africa's poorest rural areas. The trip to Africa is now a well established annual event. Each year the students from St. Mary's take some much needed items with them on their trip and this year they are taking socks. Many of the primary schools in our academy are supporting the Bambisanani appeal by coming to school wearing 'crazy/odd socks' with their normal school uniform whilst donating £1, so the much needed 'uniform' socks can be purchased and taken on the trip. Children can wear their craziest socks/odd socks with their normal school uniform on Thursday 4th April. Please bring £1 to be donated to this appeal.

MINI-VINNIES SMARTIE TUBE CHALLENGE

As part of our Lenten fundraising, the Mini-Vinnies are running a Smarties Tube Challenge. The cost to enter the challenge is 50p and in return, the children will get a tube of Smarties, which they can eat. We then ask that your child decorates the tube, fills it with coins and returns it to school. There will then be prizes for the best-decorated tube in Reception/ KS1 and KS2 with an additional prize for the class that raises the most money. Smarties tubes to be returned to school by the 4th April and the winners will be announced on Friday April 5th. All monies raised during Lent will be for the Good Shepherd Appeal. **Get your tubes whilst you can – about 40 left!!!!!!**

GAMES WEEK - MONDAY 25TH TO FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Next week is games week and there will be a variety of games to play at break time in the hall. Children can bring £1.00 for 5 games – they will get 'tokens' to tear off and be able to spend these at playtime in the hall. This should mean that we need less change and the games run more smoothly. All money raised will go towards the Good Shepherd appeal.

SCHOOL EMAIL SERVICE

We now use a company call ParentMail to send bulk emails (e.g. newsletter email) and texts from school. Some parents have reported that they have not received the emails that have been sent. ParentMail are experiencing an issue with emails being classified as junk/ spam and not arriving in people's inbox. They are currently working on this situation and have suggested that in the meantime as a work around you add the email address info@parentmail.co.uk to your safe senders list in your email account. Alternatively, you can download the ParentMail app and then you will get any email

notifications on the app as a push notification and be able to see the message within the app. We previously advised that you did not need to download the app to avoid confusion as we have our own school app linked to the website and as we are only using the service for emails and texts the app is usually not required for this.

SATs MEETING FOR PARENTS

There will be a meeting to discuss SATs in school at 3:30pm on Monday 1st April 2019.

CATHEDRAL SINGING CONCERT – YEARS 5 AND 6

This takes place in school on Thursday 28th March at 9:00 a.m. and parents are welcome to attend.

YEAR 1 VISIT TO ABBEY HOUSE MUSEUM

Year 1 will visit Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall next week on Wednesday 27th March. Coach departs approx. 9:15am and school uniform is required. Children will return to school in time for their usual lunch arrangement.

SWIMMING

Due to Leeds City Council school holidays being different to our school holidays, there will be no swimming for the next 2 weeks. Therefore, Year 4 have had their last swimming lesson today. Swimming will commence on the first Friday back after the Easter holidays, 26th April for Year 3. A letter regarding swimming lessons for Year 3 is to follow. We are extremely pleased with those children that managed to achieve Personal Survival 1, some Year 4 children even managed Personal survival 2. Those children in Year 4 who have yet to achieve the 25-metre certificate will swim again after Easter. Letters will go out to those individuals so parents are fully aware if a swimming costume is required.

SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

If you placed an order for school photographs, these were sent home this week.

HOLY COMMUNION TIES

We have now received our order of ties. If you ordered a tie for Holy Communion, please make your payment on ParentPay and collect your tie from the school office.

SPANISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Letters are available for the next after school Spanish Club which will be starting on Monday 29th April. If your child is in Year 1 to 6 and would like to take part in this after school club, please collect a letter from the school office

MVMNT HOLIDAY CLUB

MVMNT are running a one day holiday club on Monday 8th April, if you would like your child to attend please collect a form from the school office.

PIANO LESSONS

This week was the last for piano lessons for this term, lessons will start again when we return from the Easter holidays.



Cross Country at Middleton Park Saturday 9th March

Well done to all our brave Cross Country runners who braved the elements on Saturday to run the final League race of the season. Well done to all our runners this school year, especially to our U9 girls who managed to finish in third place overall this season! *Mr Costa*

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Generosity

Reception – Teegan H.

Year 1 – Alice S.

Year 2 – Darcey R.

Year 3 – Joey B.

Year 4 – Rachel F.

Year 5 – Zach F.

Year 6 – John-Paul C.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

Youth Club

Due to the lighter nights, we have decided to run the youth club sessions once a fortnight starting Sunday 3rd March. Please note that we are extending the time so we have time for our activities - our new time will be 4pm until 6.20pm.

The sessions will take place on 3rd, 17th, 31st March onwards. The sessions run term time only.

We will be going on cook-outs, playing sports in Nunroyd Park and walking up to Yeadon Tarn.

New members and parent volunteers are always welcome.

For more information please contact Angie (Hermione Thompson's Mum in year 6) Call or text: 07733 219735.