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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th March 2019

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 and remember to return your decorated tubes containing coins to school by Thursday 4th April at the latest.**

GAMES WEEK - MONDAY 25TH TO FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

We raised an impressive £240.92 from games week, which will be donated to the Good Shepherd appeal. The total amount raised from our Lenten fundraising will follow after the Easter holidays.

SCHOOL EMAIL SERVICE

Although we have our own school app to send messages and the newsletter to parents, we use another service that allows us to send texts to those parents who cannot access the school app and to send emails and attachments. Our service provider has recently changed and the company we are now using, called ParentMail, is experiencing problems with emails not being received by some people. 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.

ROCK STEADY PERFORMANCE

The children that have been working with Rock Steady on Friday afternoons will be taking part in a concert on Friday afternoon 5th April at 2:00pm. Parents of the children taking part in Rock Steady are warmly invited to attend.

SWIMMING

There is no swimming next week. 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 has been sent out this week. 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 with a confident stroke will swim again after Easter. Letters will go out to those individuals so parents are fully aware if a swimming costume is required.

As Year 3 will be swimming after the Easter holidays, lunch times will change for Years 3 and 4 so that Year 4 will eat lunch at 12pm and Year 3 will eat lunch at 12:30pm after their swimming lesson.

MUSIC LESSONS

There will be no guitar/ cello/ violin lessons next week, lessons will resume after the Easter holidays. Flute and clarinet lessons will still take place next 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/ BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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. Also, forms for the next block of before and after school sessions to start after the Easter holidays are now available from the office: Mondays after school football for Years 5 and 6; Tuesdays after school multi sports for Years 3 and 4; Thursdays before school multi sports for Reception and Years 1 to 4.

ROUNDHAY MUSIC ORCHESTRA

Roundhay Music are starting a children's orchestra from next term. If this is something that your child would be interested in taking part in, please contact Roundhay Music direct at enquiries@roundhaymusic.org or on 0113 269 7754

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Generosity

Reception – Jacob B.

Year 1 – Daniel W.

Year 2 – Isla M.

Year 3 – Spencer C.

Year 4 – James D.

Year 5 – Elias S.

Year 6 – Dylan S.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

VINTAGE Ball

****Keep the date free**** - Saturday 6th July 2019 - Further details will follow shortly

Please note that the next FOSPAP meeting will take place on **Thursday 25th April 2019** at **7pm** in School – all very welcome.