

WE LOVE, WE PRAY, WE LEARN, WE PLAY



St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

NEWSLETTER 29th March 2019

Dear Families,



LENT Week 3

It has been a creative and fun week at school. We began the week celebrating the church's patronal feast of the Annunciation on Monday, where the Year Three children's excellent reading was commended. We invited David Quinn, the Primary RE Diocesan advisor to observe our RE lessons on Tuesday, which he commented as "A joy, a celebration of RE and the creative way of teaching it." Everyone thoroughly enjoyed having families in to the Junior classes all day on Wednesday to make the models for the 3M challenges: where an array of science, design, maths and engineering skills were in use. The finished products are impressive, please do have a look at the website for the photographs. St Leo's, the EYFS class have finished the week enjoying a sunny day out at the Farm. The children and staff have enjoyed having families join us for a variety of events this term and we are very grateful for the time given.



3m STEM challenge

Thank you to the grandparents and families, for giving up your time and talents to enable the children to make their designs. They enjoyed testing the models the next day and will making adaptations. The staff now have the very difficult job of choosing which children will present their models in the competitions. Thank you for the donations of the materials.

School Dinner/ club/ trips payments: Thank you

Thank you for the help, patience and understanding you have shown in using the envelope system in the box on Monday mornings. This was efficient and helpful. Labelled envelopes will be placed on the table outside the reception for you to place dinner money, clubs or trips money in and place in the box on Mondays to speed this up and ease the queueing. Exact change would be very helpful.

Choir Club Unfortunately the choir club will be cancelled for the next three weeks until after the Easter holidays, as Mrs Verentina has to travel to Estonia. We apologise for any inconvenience and will communicate by letter as to when the next club is.



Wet Play games

We've faced a lot of stormy weather this term. As a consequence of this the children have had some wet playtimes, where they have had to stay in the classrooms. We would like to set up wet play boxes, with games in for the children to play with on occasions such as these. If you are no longer using any board games: such as Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, Ludo, Chess, Draughts, Scrabble, Boogie etc or card games such as Uno or other smaller games such as Twister or mindfulness colouring books, then we will gratefully receive them for the wet play boxes. Thank you.



Themed Lunch days and Year Group lunch days.

It was fantastic to see so many Year One parents/ grandparents join us lunchtime on Wednesday: thank you! Many thanks to Mrs Crowe and the kitchen staff for making so many excellent extra meals.

We warmly invite you to join with our children for our excellent, tasty and healthy nutritious school lunches in the lunch hall from 12.00p.m to 1p.m. A letter has been sent out to parents on some theme lunches we have organised, which we'd like to welcome you to. Meals are priced at £2.94. Please inform the school office, if you would like to join us on those days in the letter, as soon as possible or the dates below, so we can arrange the provision. .

Wednesday 3rd April: EYFS – EYFS parents invited for lunch 12.00p.m

FOSM : School Parents Teachers organisation

NEXT MEETING AND AGM 4th APRIL at 3.30p.m at school.

All parents welcome, in this meeting it is the Annual General meeting: so if you would like to be voted into a role please ensure you attend.

TALENT SHOWS: FORMS AND PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE HANDED IN BY MONDAY 1st OF APRIL.

22nd May: EYFS and KS1 Talent Show from 4p.m

23rd May: KS2: Junior Talent show from 6p.m

If your child is interested, please have them complete the sign up form from the front office and could parents fill out the other letter too to give them permission. This needs to be returned by the 1st of April. Tickets for the show will be available from the school office for £2.50 from the start of May. No tickets will be sold at the door.

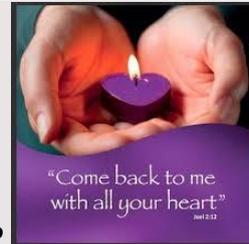
SPONSORED FLOSS AFTERNOON: 11th April from 2p.m on the school

playground for the whole school: raise money from the school and have fun doing the floss dance! Sponsor forms were sent out to each family this week. Extra Sponsor forms can be collected from the School office. How long can

your children floss for? Please return sponsor forms by the 10th of April.

Parents welcome to join us in flossing!

There is a suggestion book on the table by the school hall entrance, please do fill it in if you have any suggestions of things to fundraise for or any fundraising ideas.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATHOLIC LIFE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Thank you to Year 3 for reading so well at mass on Monday.

Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies: Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays 9a.m Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays 9.00 am Achievement assembly (If we are attending mass, it will be on Thursdays.

Tuesday 2nd April: Y1 Liturgy for the whole school at 9a.m ; all welcome

The Achievement Assembly: 9a.m Friday 5th April 2019.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent:

Monday 1st of April: Y6 children in church at 11a.m

The children can take part in rosary and meditation clubs run at break time by Mrs Moore and we will also be giving opportunities for Lenten activities, such as Stations of the Cross in school.

Smarties tubes will be sent home as a fundraising initiative chosen by the School's Chaplaincy team to raise money for CAFOD during Lent, any coins can be added. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion Classes: These continue on Saturdays in the Parish hall and are run by St Mary's Parish Catechists.

Family English Classes: Leicestershire Adult Learning Service: Continuing on Thursdays at St Mary's School

Thursdays 1.30p.m – 3.15p.m in the school's studio. Thank you to the parents who attended the session this week with Pauline, it was wonderful to see you all. All parents are welcome: Learn ways to help your child settle into school, improve your own skills in English, understand letters from school and feel confident to help and support your child. You can ring Pauline on 07944055723/01163055636 for further

information. We thank her for providing this free service. Please do not worry if you have not attended earlier sessions, you can attend any of the sessions.

Donation to the School

Our thanks to the Filipino Community and David and Alicia Mullins for their generous cheque of £300 to the school from their charity organisation of selling Filipino goods to the community and from the Filipino Christmas party. School equipment will be bought for the children to use from this.

First Aid

The school has reviewed their first aid procedures and will ensure that all children's accidents are reported to parents on the accident form. However if it is a head or facial injury, you will be contacted by phone as well. Often this requires no further action from the parents. We have tightened the supervision at playtimes and lunchtimes to prevent accidents and there has not been an increase in incidents, but the increase in calling has been due to the sharing of information. We thank you for your time on this.

School Uniform: earrings/ Ties/ Summer Uniform

The children are looking so smart in their Winter uniform, we thank you for ensuring the children have all their correct uniform. All children need to ensure they wear their ties, it is not an optional item. The Summer uniform: of summer dresses and the St Mary's polo t-shirts and shorts can be worn after the Easter holidays.



Please ensure that children wear **ear studs** and **not hoop earrings**, due to more risk of accidents with hoops however small, if they get caught on jumpers and clothes, whilst children are changing for PE and extra-curricular activities.

Thank you.

NCT Loughborough Nearly New Sale

Sunday 14th April 2019: Loughborough Student's Union: Loughborough University LE11 3TT. 11.30a.m - 1.30p.m. Top quality nearly new items of babywear, children's clothes up to age 14, pushchairs, toys, maternity wear and baby equipment.

Dates for Your Diary

25 th February	School open for the second half of the Spring Term
Friday 5 th April	Yr 2 Victorian Trip to Beaumanor Hall
Easter holidays	Monday 15 th April to Friday 26 th April 2019 School re opens: Monday 29 th of April 2019.
13 th May 2019	Year 6 SAT's Testing week Following week: Year Two Sat's testing.

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

Have a Super weekend and a Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and Grandmothers. Don't forget about clocks going forward on Sunday.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher

