

WE LOVE, WE PRAY, WE LEARN, WE PLAY



NEWSLETTER 10th January 2020 Lent 1 Term

Be still, and know I am God.
All things God works for the good.
Cast all my anxiety on Him.
Know whose I am!
Trust in the Lord with all my heart.
Open my eyes to see the truth.
Show me your ways, Lord.
Create in me a clean heart.
He who is in me is greater...
Obey the Lord my God.
Oh Lord, you are my strength & shield.
Let love and Faithfulness never leave me.

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas holiday. We enjoyed hearing about everyone's news on Tuesday. We have so much to look forward to this term and the children and staff have made a wonderful start. We participated in a thoughtful Epiphany Liturgy on Tuesday, asking for blessings for the New Term and placing our chalk welcome signs for the year above the classroom doors. We also joined the parish for a beginning of term Mass on Friday morning at St Mary's church. Building of the new ramp outside the Year Six classroom started on Wednesday the 8th and good progress is being made, looking to be completed next week. We thank you for your patience and apologise for the inconvenience of having to use the entrance on Hasting's Street until the work is completed. Year 3 and year 5 greatly enjoyed their first table tennis and fencing PE sessions on Tuesday. Some of the Year 4 and 5 children have volunteered to be play pals at break times on the junior playground, as part of the school's anti-bullying strategy. They began their training this week and will start their roles on Monday, wearing yellow caps and tabards, so they are identifiable to other children.

We do hope you can join us for lots of events, planned workshops and tours of lessons this term. We welcome three teacher trainees in our Year 4, 5 and 2 classes for the Lent 1 and 2 terms. Please keep in your prayers Mrs Crowe (Kitchen Manager) and Mrs Kabala (Midday supervisor) who are off work and receiving treatment. We also look forward to meeting with you next week on Thursday the 16th of January, for parent's evening, please enter through the Parish Hall.

Parent's Evening: Thursday 16th January 2020

Letters have been sent home with appointment times for Parent's evening on Thursday the 16th of January from 2p.m to 7p.m. Please ensure these are returned by Monday, as appointments will be allocated and sent out then. Please enter through the parish hall, where you will be shown through to the hall for your appointment. There will be refreshments in the Parish hall and Miss Jordan will be available to chat to as well. Do let the class teacher know if you cannot attend on the Thursday, so an alternative appointment can be made. Thank you.

Parent Pay/ School App

Thank you for activating your parent pay account and contacting the school office for any enquiries. If you have not activated it yet, please do so, as cash payments cannot be accepted in the school office. Please enquire from the office your passwords, if you cannot find the letter sent out last term. It is important that every account is activated, as clubs, dinners, trips and uniform can only be paid through it. If you have signed up for an extra-curricular club for your child, as it is on parent pay you will have to commit and pay for the whole term (as stated in the club booklet sent out). You will only be able to receive a refund for

absences due to illness. Please also ensure you have the school app and the notifications on. We appreciate your support in aiding the school to reduce its paper consumption and become more efficient.

Foundation Class applications: Closing date for applications 15th of January 2020

We are delighted that we have had so much interest for places for the Foundation class for the next Academic Year. The closing date for applications on the Leicestershire Website is next week on the 15th of January. Please ensure that you have applied online to secure a place for your child. If you require a place in the foundation Class for your child for September 2020, please collect an admissions form from the school office and also apply online. Admissions details are on the website, as well as the Admission's policy. Your child is eligible to **start primary school** in September 2020, eg they were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 inclusive.

Swimming

Year Five and Six will be attending swimming classes this term on Fridays until half term. Year Three and Four will begin their swimming lessons after half term.

After school Clubs

Extra-curricular activities and the morning wake and shake club on Thursday begins next week from Monday 13th of January.

Thank you if you have returned the club form back to school. There are still places in these clubs: Lego, Basketball, wake and shake a.m. Choir club will continue to be at Wednesday lunchtimes. The football and multi-skills clubs will begin after the half term, when there is more daylight after school.

Family workshops: Happy Families 6 week course: St Mary's Catholic Primary School Wednesdays 9-



11a.m: starting 15th of January

Do you worry about your child's well-being and/ or behaviour? Are you concerned about relationships with your child? Does your child seem happy at home and school? If you think any of this is relevant to you, come along and join this free, 6- week course. Get ideas to support your child's well-being and strengthen your inter-family relationships. Learn about some craft and other activities to strengthen the family relationship and bonds. Make new friends and build relationships with likeminded people.

ESOL classes : English Language classes Thursdays 1.30- 3.15p.m, starting the 16th of January 2020 for 10 weeks.

Begins Thursday 16th January in the school studio: 1.30 – 3.15p.m. Learn ways to help your child settle at school. Improve your own skills in English. Understand letters from school. Feel confident to help and support your child with their homework.

Please do come along, a great way to meet other parents too, and have a chat. Ring Pauline on 07944055723/01163055636 for more information.

Route to Resilience

The school continues to be part of this excellent DFE/ NHS programme. Y1 were working on the characteristics of self- control and perseverance this week. Keep an eye out for more family workshops we will be holding this term and information on it.

School uniform

It was fantastic to see the children returning so smartly in their Winter uniform for the start of this term. Thank you for your support on this. The summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays. Please note that on our school policy, it states that boy's haircuts will need to be sensible: tram lines, patterns and markings shaved in will not be permitted. Hair longer than shoulder length, needs to be in a ponytail, bun or plaited. We appreciate your support on this, as it prevents the spread of head-lice and enables children

to be ready for learning. Black school shoes and not trainers need to be worn with the uniform, unless special permission has been granted due to a physical need. Earrings must be ear studs only and not hoops. Please ensure children have their PE kits every day in school. They need track suits, whilst the weather is still cold.

Children’s absences/ holidays during Term Time

Your child’s absence needs to be called into the school office each day they are off school for sickness. Any holiday requests during term time needs to be written to the Headteacher and not verbally given. The 2013 Government ruling states that Headteachers cannot authorise holidays in the term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are clearly stated on the attendance policy on the website. Any child’s attendance that falls below 95% is investigated with the school’s attendance and welfare officer.

FOSM

Thank you to the team members who created brilliant events and raised so much money for the school last term, which enriched the curriculum of all the children.

Thank you for all your support and generosity for the Fundraising events in the Autumn term – from the cake sales, Christmas fair, film and disco evenings. We need your help to keep this going.

Please come along to meetings and see how you can support some of the fundraising events this term. We would really value your ideas, please do share with us what else you think needs fundraising for the school.

Next Meeting: 27th of February 2020: 3.15p.m in school (creche provided.) All welcome.

Thursday 23rd April : Annual Talent show for Ks1 and Ks2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATHOLIC LIFE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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

Tuesdays 9.00a.m Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays 9.00am Achievement assembly

Tuesday 13th January: 9a.m: The Liturgy will be led by **Year 6**. Please do join us in the hall.

Tuesday 21st January: 9a.m: The Liturgy will be led by **Year 4**.

Friday 31st January: Children attending mass at 9.15a.m for Candlemas.

Dates for Your Diary LENT 1 and LENT 2

16 th January	2-7p.m: Parent’s Evening
21 st January	Y5 Leicester Space Museum trip
28 th January	Feast day of Thomas Aquinas: 40 Ks2 children attending the celebrations with the other CMAT schools. Letter to be sent out shortly.
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	2.30p.m Y4 Roman Presentation
17 th February - 21 st Feb	Half term
24 th February	School opens for the second half of the Spring/Lent Term
26 th February	Ash Wednesday: 9.15am Mass in church
5 st March	World Book Day: dressing as book characters
6 th March	
20 th March	EYFS Foundation Class trip to Stonehurst Farm.

Easter holidays	Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April 2020 School re opens: Monday 20 th of April 2020
11 th May 2020	Year 6 SAT's Testing week
18 th May 2020	Year 2 SAT's Testing week

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

I look forward to seeing you all at school.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher