



# Newsletter—February 2018



## OUR FAITH JOURNEY

Thank you so much for supporting our CAFOD appeal this Lent. The children looked great in their hoodies and their generous contributions to our charity appeal for CAFOD have been gratefully received. The appeal remains open during Lent—there are collection boxes in school for children to make further contributions as they "Give it Up" during Lent. Many thanks in supporting this appeal.

The children will be busy preparing readings, drama, prayers and hymns to help us all commemorate and celebrate as we grow in faith and I know it will be a very special, holy week for us all in school as we present our liturgies. A reminder of the dates and times of your child's class liturgy are on the school website.

The Wednesday Word is our gift to each of our families and we do hope you find time to share the Gospel message at home. There is a link to the interactive 'Children's Area' of the Wednesday Word on the website in the 'Our Faith Community' area which is full of useful information and fun games—enjoy!



## Easter Fayre

Although the weather isn't indicating it, Easter is on the way! The Friends of St Paul's are very busy preparing for our Easter Fayre, on Saturday 24th March from 11am—1pm. Donations of bottles, Easter eggs and prizes for the raffle and tombola are most welcome. Cakes for the cake stall can be brought into school on Friday (at the end of the day) or Saturday morning. If you are able to help on a stall please leave your name at the office. Please do come along and bring your friends and family, and keep your fingers crossed for some early Easter sunshine!

For future events, the Friends are looking for any parents who work for businesses who support "matched funding." It is a great way for them to increase their fundraising totals and remember that all the monies raised by the Friends comes back into school to support your children.



## WEBSITE

We hope you agree that our school website is much improved and an excellent source of updated information. Please do keep an eye on it, especially when you get text message to say there has been an update or letter put on there. We are currently changing our Parents and Carers Tab which will still contain Newsletters and other letters, but also forms that you may find useful to download e.g.: appointment forms/leave of absence forms and authorisation to administer medication in line with our school policy. We hope you find this useful.

There is also a link to "Rawcliffes" uniform suppliers which enables you to order school uniform on-line. We are sure many parents will find this a useful addition.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The winter months have certainly had a negative impact on our school attendance figure which stands at 93.8% for February—this is substantially lower than our 96.5% target.

Although we appreciate that illness, as well as inclement weather can make attendance difficult, please do ensure that your child is at school every possible day. **If your child has a medical or dental appointment during school time then please present their appointment card with the completed school appointment form.** Whenever possible please ensure that non-urgent appointments are made out of school time.

Our attendance for February 2018 is:

Reception: 93.8%  
Year 1: 91.9%  
Year 2: 96.7%  
Year 3: 96.5%  
Year 4: 92.1%  
Year 5: 91.2%  
Year 6: 94.6%

Well Done Year Two!



To ensure the day gets off to a smooth start, and that pupils are engaged quickly in their lessons, punctuality is undoubtedly important. Please try to make every effort to ensure your child is at school by 8.50am. As previously requested please **telephone** the school to report an absence before 10am.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are grateful to you for ensuring that your children are well equipped for the school day and this very much includes the way they dress at school. Please do ensure that school uniform expectations are followed which means that your child wears a school tie, grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore and a school shirt or blouse. Tights should be plain not patterned, and any hair accessories should be small—a simple bobble, ribbon or slide. School shoes should be black.

After the Easter holidays, summer uniform can be worn—a red checked dress or a polo shirt with shorts/trousers/skirt or pinafore. Ties do not need to be worn if your child is wearing a polo shirt. Open-toed sandals should not be worn as children's feet are not fully protected and they can increase the risk of tripping.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS—CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

World Book Day

Fairtrade Breakfast

parents' Evenings

Class Liturgies