

# St. Modwen's Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the extreme weather conditions which led to the closure of our school at the end of last week, the children have been enjoying the sunshine this week and making use of the great outdoor space we have. It has been lovely to see the After School Club making the most of the lighter evenings and playing traditional games outside.

We have started 3 new extra-curricular clubs this half term. Thank you to Mr Heald for organising "Fizz Pop" - the children are enjoying taking part in exciting practical science experiments! Thank you to Mr Brassington for running the Year 3 and 4 drama club and to Mrs Perkins for running the after school Year 5 and 6 choir.

While the extreme weather prevented us from celebrating St Chad's feast day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we have been doing our own bit to follow St Chad's care and compassion towards those in need.

Thank you very much for all the amazing donations that you have been sending in for our baby appeal, we have been touched by your generosity. Please see the photo which shows the amount collected now takes up 2 tables! We will continue to collect during Lent so please keep sending items in. Thank you.

Rehearsals began this week for Year 3 and Year 4's Easter play based on the Stations of the Cross. With only a short half-term to rehearse, the children are having to work quickly and with lots of focus but they are rising to the challenge admirably! The following information is a follow-up to the Save the Dates flyer Y3 & 4 parents will have received earlier this week.

Performances will be held in the hall on:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10:15am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (this performance is for adults only)

For the Wednesday Evening performance, children will be required to be dropped off through the school office at 6:30pm, they will be greeted by a member of staff who will take them to their classroom to get changed into their costume.

For each performance, the audience will be able to enter the school through the office 15 minutes prior to the start time.

There are lots of songs for the children to learn as well as some individual acting and singing roles, children with specific script or songs to learn will have received their additional material already this week. Any further questions, please contact Mr Brassington.

## Whole School

### Attendance

Last Week

93.8%

**Target - 96.5%**

**332 children achieved**

**100% attendance**

Last week.

**Well Done!**

Well done Y6 for achieving the highest attendance last week of term.

World Book Day in Y6.



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. This year, we had a whole-school theme of "Journeys" and each phase read a different story about a journey! Nursery & Reception acted out "We're going on a Bear Hunt" and added music to the story. Years 1 & 2 read about a magic crayon that could take you on a journey, and wrote some excellent descriptions, as well as creating artwork to show what they would draw if they had a magic crayon! Years 3 & 4 read about the journey of some animals who had to leave their habitats and acted out some parts of this story and created some amazing 3D collages. They also learned about their carbon footprint and about endangered animals, like those in the story. And finally, Years 5 & 6 read about the journey of a refugee family. They explored the thoughts and feelings of the characters at different times in their journey, then composed their own music to reflect the mood and created some powerful descriptive writing as well as some artwork.

On the topic of books, we will hold our Scholastic book fair to coincide with Parents Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The book fair earns us rewards to spend on new books for our school library, which the children are involved in choosing! We look forward to welcoming you into school. Just a reminder that Parents Evenings for Miss Mallinson's class will be on Wednesday & Thursday, as will Mr Quinn's class. Appointment slips for Parents Evenings will be sent home with children today – please let the office or the class teacher know if you are unable to make your appointment.

We ended our busy week on a chocolatey note with Miss Crutchley's class assembly – Year 2C taught us all about the history of chocolate and Cadbury's, read some fantastic poems that they had written all about chocolate and sang the "Oompa Loompa" song... which is still going round and round in my head! Well done Miss Crutchley's class!

Following the launch of our Father Hudson's care appeal I have had lots of children volunteering to make cakes, loom bands, run colouring competitions and other events. Letters have been sent home to check that parents are happy to support your child to provide goods for the event. It will take place on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March and we invite all children to bring in a small amount of money (loose change please) to spend on the cakes and games on offer. If any parents would like to send in cakes to sell we would be very grateful. All cakes sold will be brought home for children to eat at home. Thank you for your support.

We have another busy week ahead with Parent's Evenings, Year 5 visiting our feeder Secondary School, Blessed Robert Sutton, on Tuesday for their first "taster" day, we have a Science Dome taking over our school hall on Tuesday and Wednesday – all classes will be visiting the Dome to learn about their chosen topic. Finally, on Friday in addition to the Father Hudson's fund raiser we will be holding a special Mass & assembly for Mrs McGinty to celebrate and thank her for her contribution to St Modwen's. We have chosen to hold this special celebration to coincide with St Patrick's Day, so all children and staff are invited to wear green!

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Wardle

### **Night Fever**

This successful and popular event at St Mary and St Modwen's church will take place again on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7:30 – 10pm. It is an opportunity to light a candle in our beautiful church and spend some time in quiet prayer listening to live music. Candles are available on the night and there are some in the Reception area at school.

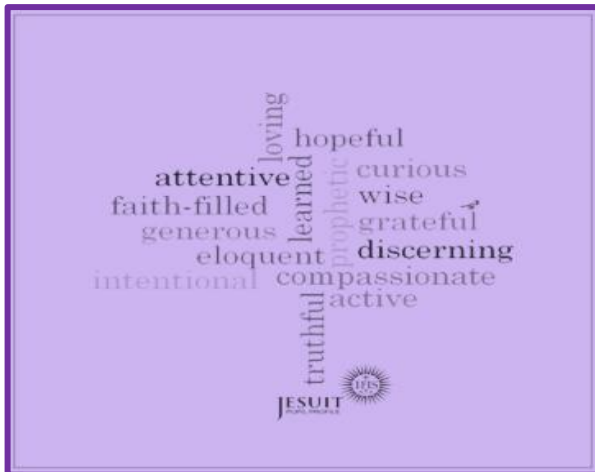
## Photographs of our Baby appeal



### Quote of the week

“Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us.”

St Teresa of Calcutta



### *Virtues Certificates*

EYFS Kinga & Jasper  
Y1 Kris & Zara  
Y2 Max & Francisco  
Y3 Oliwier & Dillon  
Y4 Gabriel & Dillon  
Y5 Laura & Kacper  
Y6 Nicholas & Sheen

This term words – Intentional & Prophetic

### NURSERY

We are now accepting Nursery applications for September 2018. If you would like a Declaration of Interest for admission to the nursery, please contact the office. We would also like a copy of the Birth and Baptismal certification with the declaration.

<b>TEAM POINTS</b>			
<b>St. Jerome</b>	<b>St. Gregory</b>	<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>
<b>271</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>260</b>

### Diary Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	4-7pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am	EYFS Mrs Chadfield Class Lunch
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	4-7pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	11.30am	EYFS Miss Harcombe Class Lunch
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	11.45am	Year 1 Mr Heald Class Lunch
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	11.45am	Year 1 Miss Mallinson Class Lunch
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.45am	Year 2 Miss Smith Class Lunch
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.00pm	Meeting 4 First Holy Communion in Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.45am	Year 2 Miss Crutchley Class Lunch
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass 1 Y3 TG
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass 2 Y3 TB
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12.00pm	Year 6 Miss Shaw Class Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm	Year 3 Mr Brassington Class Lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm	Year 3 Miss Gilmore Class Lunch
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm	Year 4 Mr Read Class Lunch
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00pm	Year 4 Miss Goodman Class Lunch
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00pm	Year 5 Mr Quinn Class Lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00pm	Year 5 Mrs Perkins Class Lunch

## Term dates for 2017-2018

### Spring Term 2018:

Term ends: Thursday 29 March 2018

Easter Holiday: Friday 30 March – Wednesday 11 April 2018

### Summer Term 2018:

Term starts: Thursday 12 April 2018

May Day: Monday 7 May 2018

*INSET Day 5: Friday 25 May 2018*

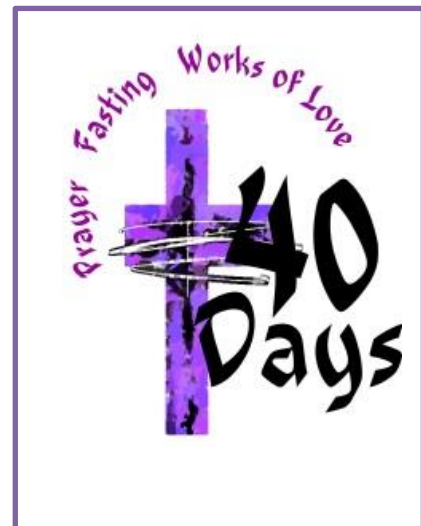
Half Term: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June 2018

Term ends: Friday 20 July 2018



### LETTINGS

Our school hall is available for lettings. For more information is available on the school website or by contacting Mrs Dennis in the school office.



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