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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Spring Term 2019

Class	Date
Whole School – Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 with confession	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 with confession	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 with confession	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 with confession	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April

### Children taking a lead in Mass on a Sunday with the Parish

Date
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm Mass

What a fantastic week! We have been so impressed with the children's T-shirts and Lab coats –thank you so much for helping your children with these at home – they looked amazing. Many thanks to the parents that presented their interesting jobs to the children we have gone from to a chemist researching medicine, to a vet bringing in a snake (and other exciting equipment), to designing surgical implants, and an advertiser encouraging the children to draw, draw and draw! Many thanks to all the staff, particularly Mrs Ripley, for their enthusiasm this week.

Have a wonderful half-term everyone – we are at the halfway point of what has so far been a brilliant year. Please continue to support your children (and the staff) by ensuring that your child returns to school with pumps that are safe to wear, uniform that is fully labelled and a suitable PE kit. *Mrs Todd*

### STEM WEEK

We have all had a fantastic week in school doing lots of STEM related activities. The children have really enjoyed and learned lots during the workshops lead by our very kind visiting parents. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to: **Mr Ferguson**, who shared with everyone how he uses technology, art and writing in designing adverts for different products, films and campaigns; **Mr Price**, who brought along some very exciting objects for the children to look at and explained how technology helps him to make animals better; **Mrs Laing**, who explained how scientist work on finding new medicines to make us feel better; and **Mr Lowry and his colleagues** who had lots of exciting things for us to do so we could understand how engineers design and make new surgical implants and effective tools for surgeons. Today, the children have enjoyed a visit from Major Tom from AS Creatives who has shared some of his exciting experiences in space.

Another huge thank you to all of you at home for supporting the children in making their lab coats. We have all really enjoyed these and it is obvious that lots of thought and hard work have gone into them. We would like to keep them in school for the children to use in their science lessons. Thanks also to those who have sent in 'Science Selfies'. We are working on a web page to display these.

Finally thanks to all of the staff for planning and organising so many exciting STEM activities for the children to do in class.

Read more about STEM week in the Spring addition of Super Sonic News! *Mrs Ripley*

### PARENTS' EVENINGS – CHANGE OF DATES

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (3:40 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).

The online system will be open for bookings from 7:00 a.m. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Please visit <https://sspp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointment during this time and enter the requested details to login, if you need a particular time please book early. The email address will be the one school holds on record for the parent who is priority 1 contact on our system. If you have any problems accessing the system or booking appointments, please contact the school office.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we will be celebrating the world of books by studying one book throughout school for the whole week. Children in each class will complete different activities based on this book to ensure the children are learning at an appropriate level for them. We

would also like the children to complete, with your help at home, a Story in a Jar! Please see the letter attached to this email for more information as well as some pictures of what your Story in a Jar may look like! The deadline for returning your jars will be Monday 4th March. This year we have decided that the children will not come into school dressed up, but we are having a special World Book day lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> March (please see letter home with your child today which needs to be returned by the 26<sup>th</sup> February). Thank you for supporting your children in this exciting learning activity! *Mrs Filarowski*

### **ACADEMY COUNCIL**

As many of you will know, the Academy Council works on behalf of the school to 'govern' strategic decisions that are made on behalf of the whole school community. Our academy council do this in conjunction with the Trust Board of the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust. Mark Foster has served a term of 4 years as a Parent governor. He is very happy to put himself forward for another term as parent governor. However, if anyone else is interested we do have to offer the role out to all parents and then an election will be held. If you require any further information about this, please contact myself via the school email.

*Mrs Todd*

### **YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION**

First Reconciliation will take place for Year 3 children on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00 p.m. in Church.

### **YEAR 4 SKIPPING COMPETITION – WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Year 4 are taking part in a skipping competition on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Cardinal Heenan High School. Children will need to arrive at school no later than **8:20am** on the day as the coach will be leaving Ss. Peter and Paul at 8:30am and they will require a packed lunch.

### **YEAR 5 – AMPLEFORTH WORSHIP**

Year 5 had an excellent residential to Ampleforth this week. More information will follow on our visit after the half-term holiday. Parents are welcome to attend a worship about Ampleforth at 9:00 a.m. on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March in school.

### **MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS CLUB**

We are now holding a lunchtime meditation/mindfulness club for children in KS2. We do hope that we will be involving children in KS1 before the end of the academic year. The club will run on a Thursday lunchtime.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Remainder of Spring 1 & Spring 2	12:00– 12:30	Year 3 & 4
Summer 1	12:30 – 1:00	Year 5 & 6

Research has shown that teaching meditation to children can improve their ability to pay attention, to control their emotions, to make considered decisions and improve their well-being. The club will consist of some mindfulness colouring followed by a short time of quiet, reflective meditation. *Mrs Filarowski*

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The first 2 weeks after the half-term holiday are Fairtrade fortnight. As part of our work for this, each year group will be holding their own Fairtrade café after school. There will be a small charge for the café and you can buy a bingo card if you would like to play whilst at the café. Please see below for the date each year group will have their café:

Reception	5 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	28 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	4 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	26 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5	27 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6	5 <sup>th</sup> March

### **YEAR 5 GREEK MUSEUM**

Following the success of last year's Greek Museum, Year 5 will again be holding a Greek Museum for the whole school and parents on Friday March 1st. The museum will showcase some of the creative elements of the topic studied including Greek masks made from papier mache, Greek pottery which has been made in school with help from *Firefly Pottery of Horsforth*, and a home project to make a

Greek artefact of the children's choice! Parents are welcome to attend the museum on March 1st between 3:00 – 3:30p.m. Mrs Filarowski

### **LEXIA**

We do not have Lexia licences for all the children as it is too expensive – however some children who have been allocated Lexia do not take up this opportunity. If you get a letter home saying your child can use Lexia can you **please let school know if you do not want to use this facility** so that we can allocate that licence to another child in school. We have been advised that myLexia will no longer be supported by Internet Explorer (IE). This means you will no longer be able to use IE to access myLexia at home. If your child is using myLexia at home you will need to use one of the following browsers; Chrome, Firefox, Safari or Microsoft Edge.

You can also access myLexia on a smart phone or tablet via the app, available on Google Play or the App store.

### **AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL SESSIONS ON MONDAY**

The last after school football session of this round of sessions for Year 5 and 6 will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### **NETBALL CLUB**

Originally, Netball Club was not going to take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February due to the netball festival taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. As Netball Club had to be cancelled this week, there will now be an after school netball session for those children in Year 5 and 6, who are in the Netball Club, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February with the festival then taking place the next day.



### **Year 6 Football – Bishop's Cup Ss Peter and Paul vs Christ the King**

Congratulations to the Year 6 football team who won 6-1 away at Christ the King. They are now through to the third round of the Bishop's Cup!

### **WEEKLY AWARDS**

#### ***'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Self-Awareness***

- Rec – Mae M.
- Year 1 – Myla C.
- Year 2 – Chloe W.
- Year 3 – Isla McL.
- Year 4 – Whole Class
- Year 5 – Whole Class
- Year 6 – Cole H.

## **FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL**

### **Bangers & Bingo**

Saturday 9th March 2019, Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm! Please see flyer attached to your electronic copy of the newsletter this week.

### **Mother's Day Shops – Change of Dates**

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March 2019 – please note that all gifts will be £2.50.

Please note that the next FOSPAP meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7pm** in School – all very welcome.