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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2019

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

Class	Date
Year 6 with confession	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 with confession – change of date	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 with confession – change of date	Wednesday 27 <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

### *Generosity (St. Ignatius)*

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, Amen.

Please say this short prayer, using words of St Ignatius, with your child during Lent. Please encourage your child to do as Fr Tom suggested in Mass on Wednesday and use these weeks of Lent really well.

### LENT

During Lent we will be focusing on the themes of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have a number of events and activities that have been planned for the children to support them in their Lenten journey.

### Prayer

We have begun the Season of Lent in Prayer with **Mass on Ash Wednesday**.

During Lent the children in Years 3 - 6 will all attend Mass together as a Class and then have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

As a whole school, we will have a '**Stations of the Cross**' liturgy on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The Mini-Vinnies/Faith in Action group will be leading the **Rosary** on a Wednesday morning break time for KS1 and a Thursday morning break time for KS2.

### MINI-VINNIES SMARTIE TUBE CHALLENGE

As part of our Lenten fundraising, the Mini-Vinnies are running a Smarties Tube Challenge. The cost to enter the challenge is 50p and in return, the children will get a tube of Smarties, which they can eat. We then ask that your child decorates the tube, fills it with coins and returns it to school. There will then be prizes for the best decorated tube in Reception/ KS1 and KS2 with an additional prize for the class that raises the most money. Smarties tubes to be returned to school by the 4<sup>th</sup> April and the winners will be announced on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. All monies raised during Lent will be for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

### Year 5 Smarties Tube Challenge

Following discussions around almsgiving in a Year 5 RE unit of work, the children in Year 5 have decided to have their own 'Smarties' challenge. Each table of children in the class are taking part in a team challenge to raise as much money as they can – they are collecting 20p coins to fill an empty Smarties tube, the Smarties tubes are already in school so all the children need to do is bring in their 20p coins. There will be a prize for the group of children that raises the most. Year 5 children have therefore decided not to take part in the Mini-Vinnies challenge.

### WORLD BOOK WEEK

The children have had a fabulous week with their English work being focused, for the whole school, around the picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. A variety of types of writing have been produced as a result of this work ranging from newspaper reports and postcards to different types of stories! It is fair to say that the children have been really engaged with this text and have enjoyed exploring it! If

you were able to make it to our World Book Week assembly this afternoon, I am sure you will have been impressed with the efforts of all the children. Well done to everyone!

We have been most impressed with the number of children who have contributed to a 'Story in a Jar' as part of our World Book Week celebrations. There was a huge variety of favourite stories on show, which were represented in some very imaginative ways! All children who took part in this will have brought home a certificate today – well done to everyone and thank you to all our families for supporting us with this activity. Please see the document attached to this email for some photographs of our fabulous entries!

### **ARITHMETIC**

We have continued our focus on arithmetic this term. As you can see in the table below, the children's test scores are in the main increasing steadily. There are occasions when one test may be slightly more difficult than others are, so there are sometimes variations in the results. These results indicate the level of confidence the children are developing in their arithmetic work.

	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Year Six</b>
<b>Baseline</b>	51%	28%	31%	50%	43%	47%
<b>Autumn 1</b>	52%	52%	44%	60%	52%	62%
<b>Autumn 2</b>	61%	56%	51%	56%	70%	65%
<b>Spring 1</b>	70%	60%	61%	64%	75%	72%

"I like doing Daily Arithmetic because it helps my brain to grow!" Elias, Y5

"Arithmetic everyday helps me to remember how to do the calculations." Poppy Y2

"I like Daily Arithmetic because it helps me to understand maths better!" Tara, Y4

*Mrs Ripley*

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS/ PUPIL PROGRESS INFORMATION**

A reminder that parents' evenings will take place next week 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. To help the parents' evenings run smoothly and to avoid waiting times, a bell will signal the end of each ten-minute appointment. These parent consultation meetings are one of the most important in the school year. They are an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing at the half-way point and how you can support him/her to make the most progress possible by the end of the academic year. We believe that all years are important. However due to maturity we only complete Pupil Discussions with Years 2 – 6. These individual letters should be home with your child this evening.

### **COOL MILK**

School register all children for milk when they start in Reception class and they receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme until they are 5 years old. When your child turns 5, or if they are already over 5, you have the option to pay for their milk. We have made arrangements with the UK's leading school milk supplier, Cool Milk, to supply milk at a small subsidised daily cost. If you would like your child to have milk in school once they are 5 years old or older, visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay. If you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly on [customerservices@coolmilk.com](mailto:customerservices@coolmilk.com) or call 0844 854 2913.

### **CATHEDRAL SINGING CONCERT – YEARS 5 AND 6**

This takes place in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00 a.m. and parents are welcome to attend

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

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Fairtrade cafes, the total amount collected at the cafes was £207.96.

### **CROSS COUNTRY – MIDDLETON PARK SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Children who are taking part in the cross country at Middleton Park should meet Mr Costa no later than 9:35 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start at the event.

***'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Generosity***

Reception – Lacey H.

Year 1 – Taylor-James R.

Year 2 – Whole Class

Year 3 – Gregory McM.

Year 4 – Oliver B.

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Kyran A.

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

**Bangers & Bingo**

If you have ordered any tickets for this event, these will be available to collect on the evening at the door, doors open at 6pm. If you have not ordered any tickets but would like to attend, there are still some tickets available for purchase on the evening.

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

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

**NOTICES FROM THE PARISH**

**Youth Club**

Due to the lighter nights, we have decided to run the youth club sessions once a fortnight starting Sunday 3rd March. Please note that we are extending the time so we have time for our activities - our new time will be 4pm until 6.20pm.

The sessions will take place on 3rd, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March onwards. The sessions run term time only.

We will be going on cook-outs, playing sports in Nunroyd Park and walking up to Yeadon Tarn.

New members and parent volunteers are always welcome.

For more information please contact Angie (Hermione Thompson's Mum in year 6 ) Call or text: 07733 219735.

**St Patrick's Event**

Saturday 16th March we will have a St Patrick's day celebration party in the Parish Centre (a day off Lent!). Put it in your diary! Proceeds to the Church Extension fund - £8 per ticket, which includes pie and pea supper. Tickets available after Mass or TEXT Gez on 07969775133 with full name and number of tickets required and you can pay on delivery.