



St Louis Catholic Primary School

To love, wonder and achieve together.



Weekly Update – 8th March 2019

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated persons for Child Protection are Mr Triggs, Mrs Cromie and Mrs Rigby

The **WEDNESDAY WORD** this week is of course **LENT**. In Luke's Gospel (4:1-13) we hear the story of when Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and during that time Jesus relied on God's word to resist temptation.

Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to turn away from things that are wrong and to prepare for the celebration of Jesus's resurrection at Easter.



We are encouraging your children to do something 'extra for their faith' during the next 40 days and we hope parents will encourage this at home too. **Fasting, Charity and Prayer** are always the focus of **Lent** and we hope that doing these 'extras' will develop our children's increased sense of spirituality and love for the Lord.



<http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

It was lovely to see so many people join the school community to mark the beginning of Lent at our Mass on Ash Wednesday. The children of the Chaplaincy Team helped Father Richard distribute the Ashes and the occasion was reverent and prayerful.



The Book Week this week has been fantastic. Just looking at the pictures at the top of the newsletter will give you an idea of the 'buzz' through the school on Thursday. Children have taken part in Book Shares, Year 6 have read with children in Reception class today for example, there have been Drop Everything and Read sessions, everybody has been checking spellings for a Spellathon and we are preparing for a book Swap. To give everyone a chance to bring in any books that they wish to swap we have extended the time to look at home – so this weekend, if you want to swap your books for an exciting new one, search them out and bring them in on Monday. For each book you get one ticket which will entitle you to swap it for another.

PSA News:

Easter Egg Raffle: Tickets available from the office next week, £1 per ticket. Please also leave your donations in the office. Please note, you do only need to buy one ticket per child and everyone will get a prize.

PSA website: We now have a PSA website for anyone who wants to keep up with our news and events but does not want to join the Facebook group, <http://www.stlouispsa.wordpress.com>. Please do have a look and follow to get updates by email.

Next meeting: Tuesday 30 April at 8pm in the Three Swans. All welcome.

Our latest attendance figures.

Class	End of December	End of January	End of February
Reception	95.83	96.19	95.09
Year 1	95.40	94.70	94.57
Year 2	95.69	96.28	96.47
Year 3	95.23	94.57	94.64
Year 4	96.79	96.10	96.07
Year 5	96.01	95.76	95.59
Year 6	95.33	95.48	94.52
End of Month total	95.73	95.52	95.24
Totals in 2017	94.79	94.46	94.61
Difference	0.94	1.06	0.63



A reasonable set of attendance figures considering we have been through the worst of the Winter I hope and have, with luck, seen the end of the cases of Chicken Pox. Whilst most classes show red, they are down only by very small margins. Well done to Year 2 and Year 3 who have improved since January. Our February 2019 compared to 2018 figures are up by over half a percent on the previous year. Our school target remains 96%. Pupils with lower than acceptable attendance and those who are late are highlighted to us by the attendance service for close monitoring and possible intervention. Please do all you can to support your child's attendance.

Jackdaws 'Year of Flute' Project with Tempest Flute Trio. Just before half term, Tempest visited St Louis and

presented a concert for the whole school followed by a workshop with the children who will perform in the grand finale concert with them in March. Tempest is a multi-award winning, London based flute trio who have toured the world with their music and the children were inspired by the workshop learning several new pieces of music to perform with the trio at a concert in the Cheese and Grain. The children have been practising in preparation for this ever since. The grand finale then, is at the Cheese and Grain in



From Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 5.30pm, lasting for about an hour. There will be

a rehearsal with Tempest and all the other participating schools, at the Cheese and Grain after school that day from 3.30pm to 5pm, further details to follow,



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but if your child is playing then you have to come! Of course everyone is welcome too and tickets will be available at the Cheese and Grain Box Office 01373 455420 from Monday 11 March. Adults £5 & Children £3

The Worth Less campaign. In the news this morning you will have heard about Headteachers across the country sending letters to parents expressing concern about the current state of funding in schools. I am adding my voice to this campaign and will be sending out this letter for you to read. Not since my early days in the teaching professional (back in the early '80s) have I experienced such poor funding and this looks set to continue or even become worse. We all want the very best for our children and that is why we should make our feelings known.

Dates for next week.

Monday 11th March	Guitar lessons Gymnastics 3.15-4.15
Tuesday 12th March	Archery Yrs 3-6 3.15-4.15
Wednesday 13th March	Swimming for Y3 Multisports Yrs 1-2 3.15- 4.15
Thursday 14th March	Piano lessons Woodwind lessons Street Dance Yrs 3-6 3.15 - 4.15
Friday 15th March	Violin lessons Celebration Assembly Multisports Yrs 3-6 3.15 – 4.15

Dates for the coming second half of the Spring Term.

Tuesday 26th March – Year of the Flute 5.30pm children's performance in the Cheese and Grain.

Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Praise presentation by Year 5.

Wednesday 3rd April - Parents Evening

Thursday 4th April - Parents Evening