



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Spiritual Reflection This week the season of Lent began in school with our Ash Wednesday Mass. Fr Simon took the time to remind the children about the importance of this season for Christians. An opportunity to do something extra or to give up something that we enjoy. The children were full of ideas about what they intended to do during Lent.



In the gospel this Sunday we hear how Jesus went into the desert to allow himself time to pray and be alone and how he was tempted to try to distract him from his true mission. Our daily lives present us with many temptations to be distracted from following God but by listening to the word of God we can be strengthened to resist all temptations.

This Lent Pope Francis encourages us to give up something each day in order to help others.

In school we will continue to pray for everyone in our parish and school communities that we might be selfless and more open to the call to help those around us.

Mr Molyneux

We are delighted that Mr Molyneux returned to school this week and he has asked me to thank you all for your generosity of heart and prayer that have supported him over this difficult few months.

Book Week

We would like to express our thanks to everyone for their tremendous efforts to dress up as book characters on World Book Day yesterday. We had some fantastic and original costumes and it made it really hard to pick winners from each class. The day began with a book assembly in each building and sitting in on the KS2 assembly we loved being read to by Isabella in 3W, Oliver in 5/6 C and Mrs Adams with her dramatic reading from the Horrid Henry series of books. Please see over page for individual winners. Since starting back we have been inundated by fabulous book related home tasks demonstrating our children's love of reading and incredible Creativity. Well done to everyone.

FOSAS: Family Prize Quiz on Tuesday 16th April suitable for all ages will take place in school at 3:45pm. Everyone is welcome. Entry is free and we will be selling refreshments during the event. We estimate a finish time of around 5:15pm.

FOSAS meeting will take place next Wednesday 13th March in school at 2.30pm. We will be finished in good time to collect your children at the end of the school day.

Data changes

Please can I urge anyone who has changed address or telephone numbers to **ALWAYS** contact school to ensure we have the most up to date contact details so that we are able to make contact with you in case of emergency, or to ensure that any mail that we post out to you gets to the correct address.

Thank you.

Parish News

St Martin De Porres Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St Austin's Saturday 10.00 am to 11.00 am & 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm and on the First Friday of the Month at 7.00 pm before the Latin Mass at 7.30 pm.

Lent Talks: Mgr Smith will give a series of talks for the season of Lent at 10.00 am on Mondays from 11 March, in St Austin's Parish Rooms, beginning with tea and coffee.

St Peter and St Paul's

FIRST SACRAMENTS: The next session is Saturday, 9 March at 4pm.

LAUDATE SI: How our faith helps us to care for our common home: Come and join us to view and discuss a new film produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration film company) which looks at our response to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and pass on a healthy planet to our children's children.

A light soup & roll lunch will be provided – donations of puddings welcome. Join us next Sunday 10 March, between 12 noon and 3pm for a free and inspiring afternoon, suitable for all ages. For catering purposes please sign sheet in Narthex.

One of our year 6 pupils was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in October last year. Despite the daily disruption to her every day routines, Anya has continued to play a well-rounded role in school life and is working hard towards her SATS, being determined that diabetes will not stop her succeeding in life.

Between now and the 7th of April, Anya, her sister Ziva and their parents are doing a sponsored swim to raise funds for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). The team are going to do a virtual swim of the English Channel and would very much like your support. You can support them by sponsoring the team, via the Just Giving website, searching for Suzy Bywater McCall and then TeamMcCallVSDiabetes. Above all, Anya and family are doing this to raise awareness of diabetes and its early symptoms and would be delighted if people would do a little reading via the JDRF website: <https://jdrf.org.uk/information-support/about-type-1-diabetes/>

Spring Term Calendar Dates and Events

Wednesday 13th March	Y4M visit to the Thackray Museum in Leeds
Thursday 14th March	Y3/4AT visit to the Thackray Museum in Leeds
Friday 15th March	Y3W visit to the Thackray Museum in Leeds
Monday 25th March	Fire Service in school working with Y5 pupils
Tuesday 26th March	Year Group Photographs
Tuesday 09th April	1T & 1/2C Trip RHS Harlow Carr
Wednesday 10th April	2pm Year 1 & 2 Lenten workshops for parents and children
Thursday 11th April	2pm Year 3 & 4 Lenten workshops for parents and children
Friday 12th April	10am UFS Lenten workshops for parents and children
	2pm Year 5 & 6 Lenten workshops for parents and children
Tuesday 16th April	Whole School Mass for pupils only
Wednesday 17th April	School closes for Easter—3.30pm

Additional events will be added to the calendar in due course. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible

OH NO NOT SLIME! Please can we request that pupils do not bring pots of slime into school as it has had a tendency to get to undesirable destinations such as on pupils coats and school uniform. Thank you.



This week some of our pupils have been taking part in a competition run by Sainsbury's in Trinity Walk to design a red nose for the forthcoming Red Nose Day. In the cafe they will be displaying the entries that they have received from St Austin's, so if you're in having a cup of tea why not have a look.

And the winners are Rachel Sanchez 6CD, Martyna Blaszczyńska 3W, Alishba Komel 6CD, Bethany Denning 5/6C, Sanya Xavier 6CD, and Piotr Luczynski 4M.

Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' today for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards an aspect of school life.

Class RK—Pierre Bomanga Lokenyo
Class RG— Maria Adasik
Class 1T— Elissa Bennett
Class 1/2C— Julia Malon
Class 2V - Jonah Shadlock
Class 3W— Magdalena Magdziak
Class 3/4AT— Dara Fallon
Class 4M— Benjamin Townend
Class 5B - Amelia Roznicka
Class 5/6C - Jaime Libut
Class 6CD - Sanya Xavier



World Book Day Character winners:

Winners received a book token to spend on a book of their choice. Please remember all children received a book token to the value of £1 that they can redeem at various stores in Wakefield.

Class RK - Dorian Gibas as a Humper Lumper
Class RG - Mohammed Iqbal as Supertato
Class 1T - Emily Denison as Little Miss Sunshine
Class 1/2C - Niamh Fallon as Little Longy Long Socks
Class 2V - Euan Baxter as Hiccup
Class 3W— George Boscolo as Willy Wonka
Class 3/4AT - Owen Gray as Scramashank
Class 4M— Julia Linowieka as a Dinosaur
Class 5B - Zaara Hussain as Queen of Hearts
Class 5/6C - Sophie Baxter as Zarza
Class 6CD - Leon Dunin-Mukulski as Marshmallow

Attendance winners this week:

Congratulations to RK in KS1 who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 98.41%%

Congratulations also to 6CD in KS2 with an attendance of 100%.

Home/School Diaries

Please ensure your child brings their home/school diary (planner) into school every day. This enables staff to monitor home reading and, if necessary, send any notes or information home to you.

Hot school meals

The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week for children in KS1 and free for children in UFS and KS1.

Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school next half term the cost of this will be £7.98

Parish Mass times this weekend are:

St Austin's: Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

Peter & Paul's Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites: www.peterpaul.org.uk and www.catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk

