



# St Louis Catholic Primary School

To love, wonder and achieve together.



## Weekly Update – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

We all need a bit of ENCOURAGEMENT from time to time. In this week's Gospel we hear the story of the Transfiguration. When Jesus took three of his favoured disciples Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain, (possibly Mt Hermon or more traditionally Mt Tabor). As they were praying two of the great prophets, Moses and Elijah appeared alongside Jesus. This was the first time the disciples had witnessed the true divinity of Jesus and understandably, it gave them great ENCOURAGEMENT. We are unlikely ever to witness such an event however, if we too listen to Jesus in His Gospels and talk to Him in prayer, we will experience the ENCOURAGEMENT that God offer to us each day. This week's word is ENCOURAGEMENT.

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

### **PSA News:**

**Easter Egg Raffle:** Tickets available from the office, £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.**

**Further Details about the Jackdaws 'Year of Flute' Project with Tempest Flute Trio.**

**The Grand Finale Concert** is at the Cheese and Grain in Frome Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 5.30pm, lasting for about an hour. There will be a rehearsal with the Tempest Trio and all participating children, at the Cheese and Grain after school that day from 3.30pm to 5pm.



Tickets will be available at the Cheese and Grain Box Office 01373 455420 from Monday 11 March. Adults £5 & Children £3

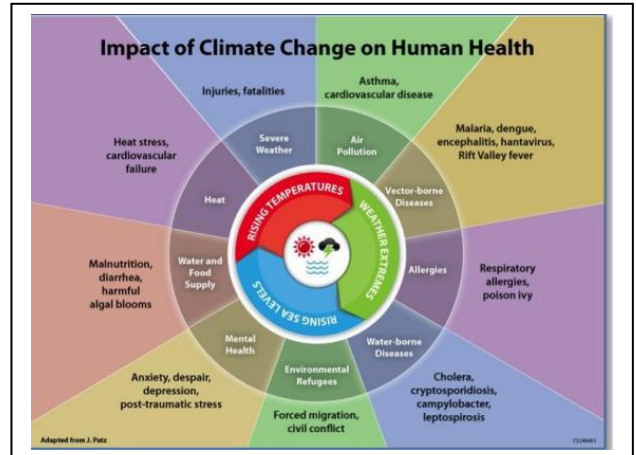
**Swimming Gala.** I have just received the results from the swimming gala which our children took part in a few weeks ago. When I said 'well done' to the team, I didn't realise how well they had done. In the front crawl races St Louis children took first, second and third places, in the back stroke we took first and second place, in the breast stroke first place and in the relay race our team came first. It comes as no surprise then that our St Louis team took overall first place. Well done for an impressive achievement to all of you!



**Climate Change.**

The children have been very interested by the action being taken by children across the country today, and over the last

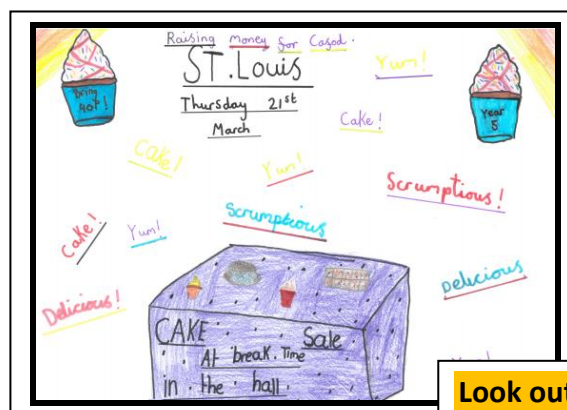
few weeks, protesting and demanding more be done to slow climate change. Certainly the School Council team have been researching and discussing how we as a school might do our bit to make a difference. They will be leading the school in its response to the challenge facing us over the coming weeks.



**Our Chaplaincy Team has been busy this week.** Here is their newsletter:

On Wednesday 6th March we marked the start of Lent with a very special distribution of Ashes service in the school hall. The chaplains carried out their many roles superbly and the whole school sang beautifully. In RE this term, all classes are learning about Lent. Part of preparing for this period before Easter is to make Lenten Promises of fasting (do without or doing extra), prayer and charity. During Lent, we will support CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

Each class will be planning a class fundraiser for CAFOD, which they will organise and run themselves. Look out for exciting news of each class' fundraiser. The term will end with an Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of term so get designing!



- Look out for these events:**
- Year 5's Cake Sale 21<sup>st</sup> March**
- Year 3's Movie Magic 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**The Worth Less campaign.** Thank you to those of you who commented on the letter I sent out about school funding and the damage that insufficient funding can do to children's learning. The national picture is clear. Since 2012, in real terms, mainstream school budgets have declined by 8%, the funds provided for

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post-16 students have reduced by 20% and the pressures on provision for special educational needs have been even more severe. I have been asked by several of you if there is anything that can be done to voice your concerns as parents. One course of action you can take is to write to your MP, Mr David Warburton. I will be sending you a template that you can use should you wish to use it. Thank you, as always, for your support.

**Dates for next week.**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Guitar lessons NO Gymnastics today
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Archery Years 3-6 3.15-4.15
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming for Y3 Multisports Years 1-2 3.15- 4.15
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Piano lessons Woodwind lessons Street Dance Years 3-6 3.15 - 4.15
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Violin lessons Celebration Assembly Multisports Years 3-6 3.15 – 4.15

**Dates for the coming second half of the Spring Term.**

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Praise presentation by Year 5 during the afternoon 1.45pm .

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parents Evening 3.30pm until 6pm.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Parents Evening 5.00pm until 7.30pm.