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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2019

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

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

### 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. Fr John and another local priest will be in school on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10:00 am**. We will have a reconciliation service followed by **Confession for Years 4, 5 & 6**.

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.

### Creative Lent Activities – parental involvement

Parents are welcome to come into school to take part in the creative Lent activities at 2:15pm on the following days:

Tuesday – Years 1, 3 and 4; Wednesday – Reception; Thursday – Years 2 and 5; Friday – Year 6

### 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.

### SATs MEETING FOR PARENTS

There will be a meeting to discuss SATs in school at 3:30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

### 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.

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<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*

### **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.

### **YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY**

Bikeability takes place next week for Year 6. On the days your child is riding, please ensure they have warm, waterproof, comfortable clothing and 2 pairs of gloves if possible. Children should wear **school uniform** while in school, so on the days your child has a half-day riding they will need their uniform and clothing for riding.

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

Reception – Lenny B.

Year 1 – Eva D-P.

Year 2 – Noah C.

Year 3 – Nola C.

Year 4 – Oliver D.

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Ella L.

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

#### **Bangers & Bingo Event**

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets to attend the above event. As usual, this was well supported and raised £258 for the School. The FOSPAP Committee hope you had a fun and enjoyable evening!

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.