



OUR NEWS 23/02/18

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"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"

Dates for your diary

Please see the 17/18 & 18/19 holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

2017/2018

Parent's Evening	Tues 6th Mar 3.30 -6.30
Lenten Liturgy	Fri 23rd Mar - 11.30
Easter Holidays	Mon 26th March – Fri 6th April
Sports Day	Tues 26th June
	Wed 27th June (back-up day)

Rummage Sale

Mrs Wilkins next rummage sale in support of the Parish will take place on Saturday 10th March, starting at 1.30pm. Rummage can be left in the Parish rooms from Thursday 8th. Many Thanks

Parent's Evening

Our next Parent's evening will take place on Tuesday 6th March, starting at 3.30 and finishing at 6.30. We will be providing you with your child's second report card of the year.

Birthday Congratulations

Happy Birthday go to those who had birthdays recently:

Lewis (Yr5)
Isaac (Yr4)
Norah (Yr1)
Lily (Nursery)
Emily (Yr5)
Jayden (Yr6)
Braedon (Yr5)
Sofia (Nursery)



We hope you have had a great celebration.

Walk to school reminder

Each Monday morning we walk children to school gathering at the Whitwick park carpark. Mr Morley is at the carpark from 8.30AM and the group leave to walk to school at 8.40. Children from Year1 to Year6 are welcome.



**We are a Nut Free School.
Many Thanks.**

Thank You

A big thank you to Ms Parr for the brilliant quiz produced last night for the quiz night. The children had a great evening.

School Payments

Can we remind all parents that payments for dinners and drop in club can and must be made in advance or on the door (in the case of "drop-in" club). The school does not have the funds to cover non payments. In particular, the new ParentPay system cannot accept debts. Where there is insufficient funds in accounts a dinner cannot be ordered and a packed lunch will need to be delivered to school.

Year 6 SATs meeting

We will host a meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils on Monday 26th February at 6.00pm. During it we will outline the process and give you the timetable as well as an insight into the types of questions and school preparations. We will also offer advise about how best to support your child. We hope you will be able to join us.

Easter Preparations

This year we will be on holidays during Holy Week and will therefore not be able to share in the events leading directly up to Easter Sunday. However Year 6 will lead a Lenten liturgy in Church on Friday 23rd March at 11.30. Everyone is welcome.

School Security

In school we regularly talk to the children about the importance of stranger danger. This week we have repeated this message extending it to cover both outside of school and inside. We have explained that we prepare for dangers inside of school such as fire drills but also that sometimes the danger may mean that we have to come into school rather than go out. When this happens we all come into class and lock the doors. We have explained that this is the same as the main door in the foyer. All children know that they are not allowed to let anyone through this door, that is the job of adults in the school.

We have put in place some measures that mean each class can be secured and we will soon practise an "in-vacuation."

We will treat this in a similar way to a fire drill and will make it a routine practise. We will ensure that these preparations are very carefully pitched so as to be routine and not alarming.

Lenten Activities

As always at this time of year we spend the time of Lent preparing for the most important season in the Churches' calendar, Easter. We will be working with the Cafod material to help our children focus on the importance of loving and caring for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Each class will organise their own fund raising events and these will take place over the next four weeks. The money raised will be sent to Cafod and will support the establishment of community gardens in Zimbabwe. Our activities are:

Early Years—selling cakes—5th&6th March
Mrs Rice—Book/toy sale—7th&8th March
Mr Saxton/Miss Breeze/Mrs Dolan—Cafod Café week beginning 19th March
Mr Armstrong—Games—12th & 13th March
Mrs Smith—Games—week of 26th Feb

Cafod Fast Day

This Friday we would encourage everyone to "Lose the Luxury," and have a simple lunch. This will be an opportunity to empathise with those people in the world who have much less than ourselves.

All games and activities will be priced at 20p.

Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2018 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(8th January)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community
and	ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(5th February)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(5th March)

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.