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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

## Newsletter 20: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

I hope that you are all well and also that you all have a good half term break next week. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

This week your child will have brought home a Lenten 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this season of the church's year as Ash Wednesday is during the half term break next week: **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.

You can find out more about Ash Wednesday by clicking this video link and watching it with your child: [Ash Wednesday](#).

Thank you to all of the Y3 parents who attended our sacramental preparation meeting in school on Tuesday evening - we had a fantastic turnout!

### **SchoolComms App:**

Please download the free SchoolComms App to your phone (the details / links are in the circulation email for this week's newsletter) if you have not already done this. By doing this school will not have to pay for text messages to parents when they are used and this will save us quite a lot of money! Thank you for your support.

### **Goldfinch Award for Our Values and Virtues:**

Congratulations to these children who have excelled at following our Values and Virtues of 'Compassionate and Loving' for this half term. They will be receiving special certificates in assembly on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us for this assembly.

Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2
Saavi K Lois A	Heavenly K Jayna B	Ben T Evie S-H	Oliver O'S Athena G
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Yaye D Aaryan J	Andreaa C Chrisler F	Linh P Dylan R	Ruqayyah A Jenish B



Well done to you all! You have shown that you are truly living our school mission statement: 'With Jesus as our guide: we love, live and learn together.'

### **Message from Vaccination UK for parents regarding the MMR Vaccination Outbreak Response:**

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 0121 592 1110 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and NOT at the school.

### **Parent Consultation Appointments:**

This term's parent consultation meetings will be taking place **in the school hall** on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** between **3.30pm** and **5.45pm**. Our classrooms will be open for you to view your child's work. We will write to all parents with further details, including appointment times, shortly. Please remember that these meetings are for **parents and teachers only**: there is no provision for children to be supervised at school. **We therefore ask you NOT to bring children back into school on these evenings.**

**Number Fact of the Week:**

This week's number fact is:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to  $12 \times 12$ .

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

or

$$2 \times 7 = 14$$

**Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

Congratulations to the following pupils who won a brand-new book of their choice for entering the reading competition:

**Y6:** Lola C  
**Y5:** Isla F

**Y4:** Alicija J  
**Y3:** Martyna R

**Y2:** Evie T  
**Y1:** Alexie-Rose O'B

**YR:** Mia M

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here:      [Y6](#)   [Y5](#)   [Y4](#)   [Y3](#)   [Y2](#)   [Y1](#)   [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

**The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!**

**Masses next Half Term:**

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Y3</b> and <b>Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b> .
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> and <b>Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y4</b> and <b>Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at <b>9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
<b>Half Term Break:</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2</b> Multi Skills Club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y4 &amp; Y5</b> Gymnastics Club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>KS2</b> French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Values &amp; Virtues Assembly</b> in school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y2</b> Educational Visit to Thinktank
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y1</b> Educational Visit to Dudley Zoo
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Educational Visit to Hindu Temple
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church at <b>2.15pm</b>

Date:	Information:
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y4</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at <b>9.15am</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Y5</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Y6</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome) <b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>

**Happy birthday to:**

Linh P (Y5), Dilawar S (Y4), Oscar P, Elijah S, Weronika M, Jamie W (Y3), Princess R-D Y2, Oscar E (Y1), Trinity D-E, Daniel E (Nursery) who all have a special day to celebrate next week or during the first week back after half term.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**

**Saturday 12.30pm**

**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

In this Sunday's gospel a man who has a skin problem comes to Jesus and asks to be healed. Jesus makes the man better but asks that he not tell anyone what has happened. Instead, he asks the man to visit the priest and give thanks to God for his cure.



How do you think this man felt when he realised that Jesus had healed him?

The man does not do as Jesus asks; instead, he goes round telling everyone the story. Why do you think he does this?

Perhaps it was because he was just so happy to be well again and wanted everyone to know about it.

We try to be like Jesus today in our world, by caring for others, and helping them when they are ill or finding things difficult. Can you think of some ways that we can do that?

Last week the gospel taught us about how Jesus healed people. Just as important is helping people to stay healthy. We've all been trying to do our best this year to keep ourselves and others healthy.

There are lots of ways to keep healthy. Eating the right food and making sure we get enough exercise. Washing our hands, especially after going to the toilet and before eating. And, at the moment, by making sure we stay two metres apart.

### Our Catholic Mission:

What will you do this week to try and stay healthy? And to help others to stay healthy too?

How can you be more like Jesus and care for others who are ill or finding things difficult?

### Prayer:

Christ Jesus,  
you always looked after people who were sick or in need.  
Help us to be more like you and to care for others here and around the world.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*