



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

'We Pray, We Work, We Play'



Week Commencing Monday 15th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

"You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

Nehemiah 9:6

Worship

Last week, Class Worship focussed on elements of the Easter story and children have been getting their presentations ready for our Easter Service on Wednesday 17th April.

Last week at school

On Monday of the final week of the Spring Term, we held a P.T.F.A. meeting to discuss arrangements for the Summer Fayre; it promises to be the biggest and best yet. On Tuesday, the infants visited Smithfields Farm in Bolton and had a fantastic time - please see our Facebook page for lots of photos of our happy children! Wednesday was the final day of the Scholastic Book-fayre. Thank you for any books that were purchased - we will let you know the total when we receive it. On Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed Easter Bingo in a packed school hall. We managed to raise over £200 profit which goes directly back into paying for visitors or trips such as the infant's recent farm visit. Our 'Lenterprise' initiative also came to a conclusion, as Class 5 sold doughnuts. We will find out soon which class managed to raise the most money but, more importantly, what the grand total is that we have for charity. This year, it will be shared between St. Joseph's Penny and CAFOD.

This week at school

This Tuesday the Rhema Theatre group will be in school to perform the Easter Story through a series of dramas with each class, following a whole school assembly. If last year's visit is anything to go by then the children are in for a real treat. On Wednesday morning we will have our Easter Service where each class will portray a part of the Easter story through drama, readings and prayers. Later that day, schools from far and wide will join us here at St. Mary's for a Lenten Workshop. On Thursday we will reveal the winners of our egg decorating competition and we will hold our Easter egg raffle. Children will be off school on Good Friday (19th April) and for Easter Monday (22nd April).

Egg decorating competition

A reminder that if your children have not already done so, they have until Wednesday to decorate an egg and bring it into school if they so wish. They will be separated into classes before one of our Governors picks the winners who will be revealed on Thursday.

Improvements to school

During the final week of the Spring term, the junior classes took turns to get our outdoor eco-classroom ready for the visit of the Bishop on Thursday 2nd May - it should then be up and running for children to use. Our new G.I.F.T. team/ Reading hut has also undergone an interior decoration with more things to be added. (please see our school's Facebook page). You may also have noticed that the EYFS area has a new patch of artificial grass which has greatly improved the look of this part of school and, more importantly, the children are making full use of it. We have also made big improvements to our school website which, after a period of technical difficulty, has been fully updated - please take a look if you have time. Can I also thank you for your time in filling out the recent parental questionnaires. We received back around 70 of these after Parent's Evening - please see our school website for the results in the purple tab under 'Parent View'. We were overwhelmed with the positive responses which mean so much to us because all we want is for your children to receive the very best whilst they attend our school. The most valuable section to us is, 'How can school improve further', and there were some great suggestions from parents, the majority of which are on our radar and are very achievable so we will be feeding back soon on this.

School Uniform

We aim to foster a sense of personal pride and school identity through wearing a school uniform. As we hopefully move into warmer weather, a reminder that boys may wear knee length, grey shorts and girls may wear a blue and white gingham dress if they should wish. Also a reminder to wear ties in school please. The children have looked really smart in school so far this year so thank you for your cooperation.

I hope you have a lovely week!

Mr M.S.Mashiter
Headteacher



CELEBRATION NEWS



STAR OF THE WEEK

- C1 Faith & Riley
- C2 Hamaam & Evie
- C3 Janson & Darcie
- C4 William & Lea
- C5 Zain & Grace

RAINBOW AWARD

- C1 Ruby
- C2 Molly
- C3 Alan
- C4 Orlagh
- C5 Molly

Pat Quirk Award for Literacy

Isabelle m - Writing a recent of our farm trip.

Mr Gallagher Award for Maths

Astin A - Good understanding of fractions

Dairy Dates

PLEASE NOTE ALL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLYS ARE EVERY FRIDAY AT 9 A.M. FROM NOW ON.

Tue 16th April
Thurs 18th April
Fri 19th April
Mon 22nd April
Tues 23rd April
Tuesday 30th April
Thursday 2nd May
Saturday 4th May
Wednesday 22nd May
Friday 25th May
Monday 10th June

Rhema Theatre company in.
Easter Egg Raffle
Good Friday SCHOOL CLOSED
Easter Monday SCHOOL CLOSED
School re open.
Rag bag collection
Bishop John to open the Eco-Classroom
First Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Sports Day
School Closes
School re-opens



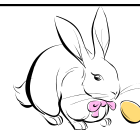
Birthday's April 15th-21st April 2019

Cameron, Orlagh, Serena,
Lawrence I & Tamika.

RAG BAG COLLECTION

- **30th April 2019**

Friday Fund Winner:
Jenson A



Easter Egg donations welcome for the Easter raffle. Which will be drawn 18th April

We started to decorate our G.I.F.T. Team/Reading hut and it should be up and running in no time at all! Our Year 6 children did some work on preparing the eco-classroom before half term. After Bishop John has visited on Thursday 2nd May, we expect it to be up and running for our children!

