



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parents,

Our juniors walked down to St Mary Magdalene's last Wednesday for Ash Wednesday mass and Year 5 led our assembly last Friday about Lent. So the Lenten season is upon us. The Faith Ambassador team are taking classes to our Lenten prayer focus to make Lenten Promises on the Caritas theme of Pray, Fast, Give. The children should have brought home their St Joseph Penny boxes and we are creating a paper chain for a chance to win an Easter hamper. The children know about this. Each strip is 10p and we will announce the winner on the last day of term.

## Coronavirus

We want to reassure parents that there is no need to panic about this. We are taking advice from the government which is updated daily about what precautions we as a school need to take. At the moment The Guidance for Educational settings document <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19> advises us to follow the general principles of good hygiene to prevent the spread of viruses. Children, staff and visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands on entry in the morning and then wash their hands carefully at various points in the day. Mrs Nuttall and Mr Barnsley will continue to thoroughly clean the school each day. There are hand sanitisers in every classroom and area of the school, and each classroom is stocked with tissues. All classes will have lessons on hand hygiene, hand washing and an understanding of what germs do to us. There will be no alarming messages about Coronavirus to them. Other than these precautionary measures, there is nothing else we need to do at present. If this changes we will contact you immediately via Parentmail.

What I would request is that you seriously consider any travel plans you may have for the Easter break and avoid the category 1 and 2 countries/areas in the world which have been severely hit by the virus. Information on these areas can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>. This information is updated daily. Please advise school if you plan to travel to any area abroad which is classed as high risk.

### Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

Phone: 0800 0468687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

For Staff, parents or young people.

## PTA Fundraising Events

**Saturday Special Childcare Day is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 8-4pm.** Mrs Whitehead and the staff will care for your child for the day. The cost is £25 for first child and £20 for siblings. If you have not already booked, then get your form in now. Mrs Nuttall will be providing breakfast, lunch and snacks for the day.

**Easter Egg Bingo Family fun event is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** starting at 6.30pm. Entry is free and you bring your own refreshments. Each game of Bingo costs £1 and all the prizes are Easter Eggs. Last year was great fun and all the children went home laden with chocolate!

**Non-uniform day is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and we are asking for a donation of an Easter egg from each child please. These will then become the prizes for the Bingo night.

**Fundraising totals:** Uniform, books and toys sale -£264.70

**School Disco** - £352.74

**January 100 Club Winners** - 1<sup>st</sup> prize Mr Keck and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Miss Rourke.

**February 100 Club Winners** - 1<sup>st</sup> prize Judith Carey and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Arthur Eva

Many thanks for your continued support. Our next PTA meeting will be 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. Please join us as many hands make light work! We would particularly love to see some of our Muslim families represented on the PTA as at present we do not have any.

## EYFS News

EYFS have been busy planting more trees donated by the Woodland Trust in our grounds this week. We are trying our best to care for our world and teach the children the importance of looking after nature and the environment.

Mr Whittaker brought in his Goshawk for the EYFS children to see. Some were even brave enough to stroke its chest feathers.



## Pupil Progress Meetings

Spring Term Pupil Progress Meetings will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 4-6pm and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 6 -8pm.

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### **Family Friendly Friday**

Family Friendly Friday was a great success and we received super feedback from parents and grandparents. The next one will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm.



### **McAuley Mount Visits**

The Faith Ambassadors visited the Care home for a coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> February, and on Shrove Tuesday to spend time with the residents making and eating pancakes.

Mrs Hannah went across with Year 6 on Tuesday this week to teach them some Spanish numbers and play a game of Spanish Bingo. The children and residents had a lovely afternoon together.



### **World Book Day**

We celebrated our love of reading by enjoying the day in our pyjamas with our favourite bedtime story and an assembly on Friday.



### **Sing Together**

Some of our choir participated in a wonderful choral concert at King George's Hall on Thursday organised by Blackburn Cathedral. They sang with several other school choirs performed their own song Power in Me and even Mrs Goffee took to the stage singing with the other teachers. It was wonderful! More photos and footage on Facebook and our website.



### **British Values Week 2-6 March**

This week and next week the children are having lessons on the Fundamental British Values of: Rule of Law; Democracy; Individual Liberty; and Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. We will celebrate what the children have learned in our whole school assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm. As always, everyone is very welcome.

### **Sports News**

#### **Football Tournament**

Well done to our football team who competed in the football tournament on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Spirit of Sport. They played extremely well and finished on a high winning their last game 3-0.

Great effort team!



#### **Hockey**

Hockey is starting again this half term, so children in Year , 5 and 6 need to make sure they have a gum shield and shin pads in school each week.

Thank you