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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 3rd March 2017**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**



[](https://www.yourschoolgames.com/)

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| Come and See  http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpg |
| This Wednesday the children in KS2 went to Church for Ash Wednesday. This marks the start of Lent.  Over the coming weeks the children will be preparing for and learning about Lent and Easter through the topic of ‘Giving’.  As a family, you can talk about how you can practice self-control and  self-giving during the season of Lent and decide on actions you could share together. Ask your child how, in school, we are focusing on Lent and  self-giving. |

**Our School Prayer**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families

of the world.

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| book-tree.jpg  Book Tree  Please remember to visit our Book Tree at the front entrance.  You are more than welcome to borrow a book from the basket, however,  we would be grateful if you would remember to bring it back when  it has been read.  We are also looking for donations of books, in good condition,  to add to our book tree.  Thank you to all those children who have already kindly donated so far. |

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| **Attendance for week ending 24th February 2017** | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 99% | 6 |
| 1 | 95.8% | 5 |
| 2 | 98.1% | 2 |
| 3 | 91.3% | 4 |
| 4 | 97.4% | 3 |
| 5 | 97.7% | 3 |
| 6 | 93.9% | 1 |
| **Whole School: 97%**  **National average is 96.3%**  **Well done Reception, you were our class of the week.**  **Well done**  **We had three classes whose attendance was below the National Average. We hope for an improvement next week.** | | |

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| [Image result for time to shine](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=time+to+shine+pictures&id=5617E7635E9C7DAE9ACC0A860BBEA206FD876DCF&FORM=IQFRBA) | | |
| **Year Group** | **Star of the Week** | **Golden Table** |
| Reception | Leyla | Leyla  Oliver  Isabella  Oliver W |
| Year 1 | Jessica | Indie  Isobella  Oscar  Frankie |
| Year 2 | Elliot | Chloe  Louie  Alexander  George |
| Year 3 | Alex | Charlie Bi  Annabella  Lucas  Dylan |
| Year 4 | Lara | Francesca  Charlie  Matilda  Ben |
| Year 5 | Sophie | Harry  Eva K  Finlay  Eva W |
| Year 6 | Isobella | Jonathan  Nieve  Jessica  Liam S |
| **Mathematician of the Week**  Kai – Reception, Isobella – Y1, Amelia – Y2, Phoebe – Y3,  Halle – Y4, Chloe – Y5,  Matthew – Y6 | **Reader of the Week**  Carolina – Reception, George – Y1, Lucas – Y2, Zach – Y3,  Freddy – Y4, Grace – Y5,  Maisie – Y6 | **Writer of the Week**  Sophia – Reception, Harrison – Y1, Freya – Y2, Olivia – Y3,  Frankie – Y4, Erin – Y5,  Mikey – Y6 |
| **Well done to all the children involved.** | | |

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| **What’s happened this week** |
| **Reconciliation**  Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on Monday evening. It was lovely to see you all. A letter regarding dates for the Reconciliation is being sent home tonight.  **Y5 Footballfootball.jpg**  Selected children from Y5 went to Prescot Centre and played in a tournament. The children were great and only lost one game. They drew two games and won five. They played excellently together as a team and won one game 6-0. Finn scored a great hat trick. George scored two wonderful headers and Tom scored the last goal. Overall the team were third. Well done, we are very proud of you☺.  **World Book Dayworld-book-day.png**  On Thursday the children were invited into school wearing their own favourite character outfits. Well done to everyone; you all looked fantastic☺.  Please do look out for our pictures on twitter. We were also given two £10.00 gift vouchers for a boy and a girl, who were voted as the best dressed. Congratulations to Thomas in Y2 and Abigail in Y6 who were the winners.  **Fairtradefairtrade 1.jpg**  Many thanks to everyone who supported Fairtrade this week. There was a special collection today for ‘Take a Break’. The children were invited to share their break and buy Fairtrade produce for £1.00. We will let you know how much was raised next week. |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **DEARDEAR.png**  We will be continuing with our DEAR (drop everything and read) on Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please do come along with the children and their favourite book to read in the classrooms. All are welcome.  **Y4 Mass**  As our Y4 class begin their preparations for Holy Communion the class will be going to Mass each Tuesday throughout Lent. We would be grateful if children could be in school prompt please as Mass begins at 9.15am.  **Football League**  Selected children in Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a football league game on Wednesday 8th March. A letter giving full details has already been sent home.  **Widnes Vikings InitiativeRugby ball.jpg**  The Game Changer initiative will continue next week for children in Y2, Y3 & Y4. Children and their siblings are welcome to come into school at 8am. The fun starts with a healthy breakfast! ☺ As this is an extra-curricular activity there will be a charge of £1.00.  The 20 children from the breakfast club will be attending the Widnes v Castleford game on Sunday 12th March. Tickets are priced at £10.00 per adult and £5.00 per child. If you would like to purchase tickets please send the money into school by Tuesday 8th March in a sealed and clearly named envelope.  **Spring Concert**  Our school choir will be taking part in a Spring Concert at Sts Peter & Paul College on Tuesday 14th March. Tickets are on sale and Mrs Mitchell has sent a letter home to the children involved.  **Parent Meetings**  We will be holding Parent Meetings on Wednesday 22nd March from 1.30pm. A letter giving full details will be sent home next week.  **Kingswood**  The children in Y6 will be visiting Kingswood Colomendy on Wednesday 15th March until Friday 17th March. I’m sure that they will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.  **Y2 Football**  Selected children from Y2 will be taking part in a football competition on Wednesday 22nd March. A letter giving full details has already been sent home. We are aware that this is also the date for the parent meetings. If your child is involved in the competition we would ask you to liaise with class teachers for an alternative date and time.  **Mothers Day Tea Party**  The children in the Reception Class will be holding a Mothers Day Tea Party on Friday 24th March. The afternoon will begin at 1.45pm and all Reception mums and grans are welcome.  **Comic Relief**  The children will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Further details will be sent home nearer to the time.  **Reception Hearing**  Unfortunately the date for the audiologist has now changed. The date they will be coming into school is Wednesday 8th March.  **CAFODCafod logo.jpg**  We will be having a special assembly from Justine Silcock on Monday 6th March to introduce the Lenten Appeal for Cafod, ‘Turn Little Fish into Big Fish’. Further information can be found on the website <http://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent>. Please do have a look with your child(ren) and read about Florence. On Friday 10th March the children can attend school wearing their own clothes for donations of £1.00. All monies collected on this day will be given to this worthwhile cause. Cafod envelopes to collect donations have now been sent home and we would like to thank you all for your generosity. Each class will also be organising their own class events to raise money throughout Lent.  **My First Game/Select Stadium**  On Sunday 12th March some of our children have been chosen to represent our school as mascots at the Select Stadium before the Castleford game. A separate letter giving full details will be sent home. |

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| **Additional Information** |
| We have been asked to let you know that Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College in Widnes will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents of children in Y4, Y5 and Y6  on Tuesday 28th March.  The mornings will run from 9.30am – 11am and are  for parents only. |

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| **Spotlight on Y4 spotlight.jpg** |
| We have been learning about Fairtrade for the past few weeks. Students from Liverpool Hope University came into our class to explain about it and we worked with them in groups. We were given pictures of oranges and money and some of us were farmers and some people would buy the oranges. They explained that farmers that don’t get enough money will get into debt as they are unable to pay for medicines or anything if their children get sick.  Fairtrade farmers get a fairer price but the quality of the goods has to be better because people are paying a bit more for things. As they are getting more money their living areas were better because the wages are better. They have to pay £50.00 for medicines and £100 for rent each week.  Today we asked the whole school to bring in £1.00 each and for that you got a hot chocolate drink or a drink of juice, a cookie or a biscuit, or a piece of fruit.  CAFOD helped to set up Fairtrade in 1992 because they wanted to help farmers to get fair money. Next week we can come into school in our own clothes and all of these donations will be given to CAFOD too.  Yesterday we could come into school wearing clothes for characters from our favourite books. I came as  Alice in Wonderland and I came as Greg Heffley who is a character from the book Diary of a Wimpy Kid.  Isla came as the Queen of Hearts and that was really good. A lot of children came as characters from Star Wars.  Many thanks to Francesca and Harry |

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| **Diary Dates**Diary.jpg | |
| **February** | |
| Monday 6th | CAFOD Assembly with Justine Silcock |
| Tuesday 7th | Group 1 First Confession in Church with Parents @ 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 8th | Audiology tests for children in Reception Class |
| Wednesday 8th | Y5/Y6 Football league game |
| Thursday 9th | Group 2 First Confession in Church with Parents @ 2.30pm |
| Friday 10th | Own Clothes Day for £1.00 donations to Cafod |
| Sunday 12th | My First Game – Select Stadium |
| Tuesday 14th | Spring Concert @ Sts P&P for School Choir |
| Wednesday 15th –  Friday 17th | Y6 Residential to Kingswood |
| Wednesday 22nd | Y2 Football |
| Wednesday 22nd | Parent Meetings |
| Friday 24th | Reception Class Mothers Day Tea Party @ 1.45pm |
| Friday 24th | Red Nose Day – Details to follow |
| Friday 31st | Break Up at 2pm |
| **April** | |
| Tuesday 18th | Return to School – Bell at 8.55am |

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| **ex curricular.jpgAfter School Clubsex curricular.jpg** | | | |
| **Day** | **Activity/Club** | **Year** | **Time** |
| Monday | Vikings Rugby  Tween Yoga  Guitar  Football | Years 5 & 6  Years 3, 4 & 5  Years 5 & 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.00  3.15-4.15 |
| Tuesday | Gardening Club  Netball  Football  Football  Tween Yoga | Years 3 – Y6  Years 5 & 6  Years 3 & 4  Years 5 & 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.20- 4.00  3.20-4.00  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Wednesday | Rise and Shine Dance  Cookery  Multisports | Years 1 – Year 6  Year 2  Years 5 & 6 | 8.30-9.00  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15 |
| Thursday | Choir  Multi-sports | Years 2 – Year 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 |
| Friday | Rugby  Film club | Years 1 & 2  Years 3 & 4 | 3.15-4.00  3.15-4.15 |

And finally.........

The school value we will be focusing on after half term will be

Patience

Please speak to your children about the importance

of being patient as well as being patient in waiting for things.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah