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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 23rd February 2018**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**







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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| Last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) marked 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.  On Wednesday we had a special assembly to introduce this year’s Lenten Appeal for Cafod, ‘Give it up for Lent’. Further information can be found on the website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent>,  Please do have a look with your child(ren) and read about Svondo his mother Marian and brother Tawanda. Throughout Lent we are asking the children to take the challenge and ‘**give it up for lent’** so that we can help support Svando and his family.  This year any money donated will be doubled by the UK Government. Making double the difference and helping more of God’s children like Svando and Tawanda to grow healthy and strong.  In class, the children have been thinking about how they can make a difference to people’s lives by taking the ‘give it up challenge’; choosing something, giving it up and then donating the money they save. Cafod envelopes to collect donations have now been sent home and we would like to thank you all for your generosity.  Alternatively, we have also asked the children to think of other ways to fundraise and each class will also be organising their own class events to raise money throughout Lent in school.  **Fair Trade Fortnight**  As next week is Fair Trade Fortnight, Y4 have decided that they would like to raise money for **Cafod’s Lentern Campaign** by selling Fair Trade snack at break time.  Below is a list of snack that they will be for selling each day next week.  Monday ……….Toast and Fair Trade jam……… …………….20p  Tuesday…………Fair Trade bananas ………………………………..20p  Wednesday….Fair Trade chocolate cornflake cakes……50p  Thursday……….Fair trade Orange Juice………………………30p  Friday…………..Fair Trade Hot chocolate and biscuits................30p  Our Easter Lenten appeal this year will be ‘Give it up for Lent’.  Every £1.00 you donate to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day Appeal will be doubled by the UK Government |
| Our Value next week is Forgiveness  Forgiveness 2.jpg  Please speak to your child/ren about the importance of this value. |

**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.

Amen

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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)** | |
| **Class** | **Star of the Week** |
| Reception | Ellie-Louise |
| Year 1 | Molly |
| Year 2 | Freya |
| Year 3 | George |
| Year 4 | Grace |
| Year 5 | Lara |
| Year 6 | Robinwood Trip |
| The Star has been awarded to our children who have shown the value of the week.  Well done to the children who were chosen last week.  star of the week proud.jpg | |
| **Bronze Award**  We are delighted to announce the following children have received their Bronze Award  and have been entered into our  Bronze Achievement Book.  Y2 – Lily  Y3 – Noah  Y4 – Callum, Nathan, Tilly and Evan  Y5 – Paris, Olivia, Francesca, Finn, Jake, Halle, Neve and Jake  Well done to you all, this is a fantastic achievement☺  bronze award 2.jpg | |

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| **Attendance for week ending 2nd February 2018** | | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Rating** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 96.9% | AMBER | 5 |
| 1 | 99.4% | GREEN | 2 |
| 2 | 95.5 | AMBER | 4 |
| 3\*\* | 100% | GREEN | 3 |
| 4 | 99% | GREEN | 4 |
| 5 | 99.4% | GREEN | 3 |
| 6 | 98% | GREEN | 1 |
| **Whole School: 96.6%**  **National average is 96.3%**  **Well done to our Y3 Class**  **you are our class of the week and will receive toast at break time as you achieved 100% attendance.**  **Well done**  **One class was below the national average.**  **Please note -Holidays during school time cannot be authorised unless under exceptional circumstances. Holidays will therefore be marked as unauthorised unless permission has been granted under ‘exceptional circumstances’. This is a government drive to ensure children’s learning is not interrupted due to absence.**  **Many thanks**  **attendance** | | | |

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| **Welcome back to a new school term.**  **We hope that you all had a happy and restful break.** |
| **What’s happening soon** |
| **Swimmingswimming gala.jpg**  Children in Y3 will be continuing with swimming lessons next week beginning on Tuesday 27th February until Friday 2nd March.  **Computing Days**  Children in Y1 will hold their computer day on Wednesday 7th March with Kitty. I’m sure the class will have an enjoyable experience.  **First Holy Communion & Confession**  Children in the Y4 class will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May at 10am. Parents and children are invited to a meeting on Monday 26th February @ 6.30pm in Holy Family Club. Please note children will make their 1st Confessions in Church on Tuesday 20th March @ 2.30pm and Thursday 22nd March @ 2.30pm.  **Widnes Vikings Try Time Dance**  Widnes Vikings have invited our children to take part in ‘Try Time Dance’ at The Select Security Stadium. The children will be performing a routine they have learnt during the Rise and Shine dance class with Lydia at half time. This will be part of the Rinnai Match Day Experience at the Widnes Vikings v Leeds Rhinos on Sunday 25th February with kick off at 3:00pm.  This promises to be a special occasion, which the performers may wish to share with their family and friends  **World Book Day**  To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on Tuesday 6th March. Please note this is a change to the original date as Year3 will be going to swimming lessons on Friday 2nd March. Children can bring along the book in which they feature so it can be shared and read with other children during the day.  **School Lunch World Book Day**  As an incentive from Knowsley Council the children are invited to share a special lunch on Thursday 1st March to celebrate World Book Day. The cost of the meal is £1.00 for children in the Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 classes. Meals remain free for the children in the Reception Class and Y1 & Y2 classes. A separate letter has already been sent home. We apologise for the lateness in notifying you of this event but this was out of our control.  **Mass**  Each Tuesday throughout Lent, the children in the Y4 class will be going to Mass in Church at 9.15am. We would be grateful if children could be in school on time in order to be in Church promptly for the beginning of Mass. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.  **Bikeability**bike.jpg  Children in Y5 will take part in Bikeability on Wednesday 28th February. A separate letter has been sent home.  **Reception and Y1 trip**  On Tuesday 13th March Reception and Y1 classes will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool to see the Terracota Warrior Exhibition. A separate letter regarding this will be sent home next week.  **Parent Meetings**  Our next Parent Meetings will take place on Thursday 15th March from 1pm. A letter giving further details will be sent home nearer to the time.  **Mothers’ Day Tea Party**  Mums, Grans and Aunties of children in the Reception Class are invited to a party on Thursday 8th March at 2pm. Please note this is a change of date from the annual calendar sent out in September.  **Art Club**  We have arranged a trip to the Walker Art Gallery for the children who attend the after school art club. The trip will take place on Thursday 22nd March and the children will leave after lunch to attend a workshop called Big Art for Little Artists. I’m sure the group will have a wonderful time. They will return to school for 4pm.  **Fairtrade Week**  To support Fairtrade fortnight, Year 4 will be selling snacks using Fairtrade products. All classes will be taking part in activities. Fairtrade fortnight runs from 26th February to 11th March. Please see note at the begiining of this newsletter for more details.  **Film Club**  On Monday 26th March, the children who attend Film Club will be going to the Reel Cinema in Widnes to see Coco. The children will leave school at 9.15am and be back in time for lunch.  **Spring Stay and Play**  Parents of children in the Reception Class are invited to the next Stay and Play on Wednesday 21st March at 9am.The theme will be Spring/Easter. Before joining the children in the classroom, Mrs Mitchell will be talking to parents about Maths Fluency in the Early Years. Everyone is welcome to attend. Further details will be in the Reception newsletter.  **Own Clothes**  Children are invited to wear own clothes on Friday 23rd March for donations of Easter Eggs which will be used for the Family Easter Bingo and Raffle. As this will be the end of the week for Sport Relief we will make a donation towards this worthwhile charity.  **Break up for Easter**  We break up on Thursday 29th March at 2pm and return on Monday 16th April. |

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| **PTFA** |
| We will be holding a Family Easter bingo on Monday 26th March at 4.30pm. Further details to follow after half term. The Easter raffle will take place on Wednesday 28th March. Children are invited to wear own clothes on Friday 23rd March for donations of Easter Eggs and Easter Chocolate which will be used for the Family Easter Bingo and Raffle. |

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| **After School Clubs**  **Please note the finishing time of the clubs and where to collect your child from. Please pass this message on to the adults who collect your child from their clubs** | | | | |
| **Day** | **Activity/Club** | **Year** | **Time** | **Collection** |
| Monday | Game Changer  Multi skills  Breakfast Club  Dodge Ball/Hand Ball  Tween Yoga – external provider | Y,R,1,2,3,4,5,6  Years 3,4, 5 & 6  Years 4 & 5 | 8.15-8.55  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15 | Main entrance  Hall  Hall |
| Tuesday | Gardening Club  Netball  Football  Football  Tween Yoga – external provider | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6  Years 4, 5 & 6  Years 3 & 4  Years 5 & 6  Years 2 &3 | 3.20- 4.00  3.20-4.00  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15  8.15-8.55 | Hall  Hall  Y3  Y3  Main entrance |

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| Wednesday | Cookery  Football  Choir | Year 3    Years 1 & 2  Years 2,3,4,5 | 3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15  3.20-4.00 | Y5  Hall  Y1 |
| Thursday | Rise and Shine Dance  (External provider)  Lydia from Widnes Vikings  Art  Dance KS2 | Years Rec,1, 2,3  Year 2,3  Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 | 8.15-8.55    3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15 | Main entrance  Y2  Hall |
| Friday | Rugby-Mr Walker  Film club | Years 1 & 2  Years 3,4,5,6 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 | Hall  Y4 |

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **February** | |
| Sunday 25th | Try Time Dance |
| Monday 26th | Y4 Parent & Child meeting @ 6.30pm in Holy Family Club |
| Tuesday 27th –  Friday 2nd March | Y3 Swimming |
| Wednesday 28th | Y5 Bikeability |
| **March** | |
| Thursday 1st | Special Lunch for World Book Day - £1.00 |
| Tuesday 6th | World Book Day – Children to dress as a character |
| Wednesday 7th | Y1 Computing Day |
| Thursday 8th | Reception Mothers Day Tea Party @ 2pm |
| Tuesday 13th | Reception /Y1 trip to the World Museum |
| Thursday 15th | Parent meetings |
| Monday 19th | Easter Assembly for CAFOD |
| Wednesday 21st | Easter/Spring Stay and Play for Reception Class 9am |
| Thursday 22nd | Art Club visit to Walker Art Gallery |
| Friday 23rd | Own Clothes for donations of Easter Eggs |
| Monday 26th | Film Club visit to Reel Cinema |
| Thursday 29th | Break up @ 2pm |
| **April** | |
| Monday 16th | Return to school – bell at 8.55am |

