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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 2nd March 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 |
| As we have entered Lent the children in Reception Class will be looking forward to Easter and learning about Growing. In Year 1 the children will be learning about Change and finding out that Lent is a time for change. Children in Year 2 will be learning that Lent is a time for opportunities and an opportunity to start anew. Year 3 will learn about giving and remembering Jesus’ total giving. Children in Year 4 will look at self discipline and celebrating growth to new life. Year 5 children will be looking at sacrifice and the sacrifice made by Jesus. Year 6 will learn about death and new life and celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection.  As a family you could talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to charity. If you have older siblings you could provide them with the opportunity to take part in the Stations of the Cross.  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 Honesty  Honesty.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 | Elliot |
| Year 1 | Halle |
| Year 2 | Harrison |
| Year 3 | Ava |
| Year 4 | Evan |
| Year 5 | Tailor |
| Year 6 | Erin |
| **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 | |
| **Our Values Awards**  We are now in that lovely position that many of our children are achieving Our Values Awards but because there are now so many,  we cannot put all their names in the newsletter.  We will however, continue to use Twitter to share the children’s achievements with you and they will have a certificate to take home to share with you also. | |

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| **Attendance for week ending 23rd February 2018** | | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Rating** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 98.6% | GREEN | 5 |
| 1 | 96.5% | AMBER | 2 |
| 2 | 97.7% | GREEN | 4 |
| 3 | 98.7% | GREEN | 3 |
| 4 | 93.8% | RED | 4 |
| 5\*\* | 99.7% | GREEN | 4 |
| 6 | 97.3% | GREEN | 1 |
| **Whole School: 96.6%**  **National average is 96.3%**  **Well done to our Y5 Class you are our class of the week.**  **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** | | | |

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| **What’s happening soon** |
| **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.  **Children’s University**  In order to collate all the information for the Children’s University awards we would be grateful if all passports could be brought into school no later than Monday 26th March.  **First Confession**  Please note children will make their 1st Confessions in Church on Tuesday 20th March @ 2.30pm and Thursday 22nd March @ 2.30pm. Mrs Evans will be contacting parents to confirm the date.  **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. Children can bring along the book in which they feature so it can be shared and read with other children during the day.  **Mass**  Please note the children will not be going to Mass on Tuesday 6th March as they will be celebrating World Book Day or the following two weeks due to swimming commitments.  **Parent Meetings**  Our next Parent Meetings will take place on Thursday 15th March from 1pm. Please note you can now book a time via parentapp which is now accessible. Appointments are also available with Mrs Harrington from 1 – 3.30pm and Mrs Featherstone from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.  **Fairtrade Week**  To support Fairtrade fortnight, Year 4 will continue to sell snacks using Fairtrade products next week. All classes will be taking part in activities.  **Gardening Club**  The gardening after school club will be going on a trip to Rivendale Garden Centre on Tuesday 20th March. Mrs Wright will be sending a separate letter home next week.  **Spring Concert**  A Spring Concert will be held in school on Tuesday 27th March at 3.45pm. The children in the choir, dance, rise and shine and yoga will all be performing for you. A separate letter will be sent home next week.  **Reception Heights & Weights**  The school nurse will be coming into school on Friday 23rd March to review the children’s height and weight. Separate letters have been sent home.  **Y4 Swimming**  Children in the Y4 class will be going to Halewood Swimming Baths on Tuesday 20th March until Friday 23rd March and again the following week, Tuesday 27th March until Thursday 29th March. A separate letter will be sent home next week.  **Sport Relief**  To mark the start of Sport Relief week – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd March children in the Y3 class will be fundraising in school and selling wristbands for the entire week. The cost will be a minimum of £1.00 please. A walking bus to school has also been organised for Monday 19th March. You are invited to meet at the Observatory Pub at 8am to walk to school. Lots of activities have been arranged for the week and to celebrate the end of the week children are invited to dress up as a sports person, ideally someone who inspires them to take part in sports activity. A separate letter regarding the activities has already been sent home.  **CAFOD**  Throughout Lent, the children have been thinking about how they can make a difference to people’s lives by participating in Cafod’s ‘Give it up challenge’ and Sport Relief. Any money raised throughout Lent will be split between the charities. The PTFA will also make a donation from the Easter bingo and raffle money. That is why we are inviting the children to wear own sports clothes on Friday 23rd March for donations of Easter Eggs of one per family, which will be used for the Family Easter Bingo and Raffle.  **Childcare Vouchers**  Are you a member of a Childcare Voucher Scheme? Childcare vouchers can be used for all forms of registered childcare including nurseries, child minders, before and after school clubs. If you would like to use your vouchers to pay towards before/after school clubs etc. please let the office know who you are registered with so we can register as a school. Payments for additional activities can then be paid through the Childcare Voucher Scheme.  **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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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **March** | |
| 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 - pm |
| Monday 19th | Easter Assembly for CAFOD |
| Tuesday 20th –  Friday 23rd | Y4 Swimming @ Halewood Baths |
| Tuesday 20th | Gardening Club visit to Rivendell Garden Centre. |
| 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 |
| Friday 23rd | Reception Class Height and Weights with school nurse |
| Monday 26th | Last day for Children’s university passports |
| Monday 26th | Film Club visit to Reel Cinema |
| Tuesday 27th | Spring Concert 3.45pm |
| Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th | Y4 Swimming @ Halewood Baths |
| Thursday 29th | Break up @ 2pm |
| **April** | |
| Monday 16th | Return to school – bell at 8.55am |

