



# 2020 Newsletter

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*'Live together, pray together, learn together  
and grow together in Christ'*

Lord Jesus,  
As we journey through this season of Lent  
May we turn back to you.  
Through our prayer, our fasting and our giving  
May we become more thoughtful towards others,  
More honest with ourselves,  
And more faithful to you.  
Amen.

## Thought for the month

"There is enough in the world for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed." — Frank Buchman, evangelist

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### ***Masses/Assemblies - Parents are welcome to attend***

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00am Y4 to attend Parish Mass

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 to attend a retreat day at St Paul's School for Girls

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00am KS2 to attend Mass at St Patrick's Church to celebrate our Parish's Feast Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 9.05 - Visit from the 'Ray of Sunshine' Charity in assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00am Y3 to attend Parish Mass

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 10.00am Youth Mass at St Patrick's followed by sacramental preparation in St Patrick's School

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - St Edmund's School Retreat day - Mass at 1.45pm in the Hall

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 10.00am - KS2 to Mass followed by opportunities for confession in Lent

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Week at St Edmund's

### **Other Dates**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Whole school attendance and punctuality focus week

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am Nursery INSPIRE workshop

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 maths team to St Paul's School for Girls for Maths quiz

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y2 INSPIRE workshop

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm - Y3 INSPIRE workshop

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am Y5 INSPIRE workshop

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March our School Book Fair each day 3.00pm - 3.30pm in the hall

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 trip to Birmingham's legoland

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 trip to Cadbury World

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - PM St Patrick's House celebration

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - AM Y4 to visit the Hive Gallery in the Jewellery quarter

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TEACHER TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS ON THIS DAY**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Y3 trip to Cadbury World

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Victorian Machinery workshop in the Hall for Y4

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 2.00pm Y1 INSPIRE workshop

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm Y5 INSPIRE workshop

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm Y6 INSPIRE workshop

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 2.00pm Rec INSPIRE workshop

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 to Choral outreach performance at St Chad's Cathedral

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: 9.15am Musical extravaganza in the school hall

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Y5 residential to Colomendy, North Wales

**We break up for Easter holiday on Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm and will return on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### **100% ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

***Congratulations to the following children who achieved 100% ATTENDANCE and were NOT LATE during February 2020:***

Reception: Elias, Riedel, Laura, Lulia, Shamari, Goda, Mawuena, Ariella, Nathaniel, Jaylen, Kirani, Saron, Ajani, Yussuf and Hermann.

Year 1: Elliot, Jaheim, Elhana, Halimah, Sesen, Akiera, Xareon, Jabez, Kwaku, Adam, Enock and Prisella.

Year 2: Edwin, Hossana, Marcelina, Amen, Meron, Lexa, Jayden E, Shyro, Theon, Amelia, Leanna, Anointing, Elijah, Akim, Joshua and Mohammed.

Year 3: Lydia, Meron, Cheryl, Ebnoluwa, Kian, Senay, Sarah, Osasogie, Nahom, Nurat, Dakota, Amelia N, Genelis, Dominik, Blessing, Mia, Durraine and Anoni.

Year 4: Eyob, Ireoluwa, Marco, Favour, Hermela, Roksana, Faith, Aiden, Wiktor, Aleksandre, Annael, Juliet, Star, Joshua, shumirai, Omar and Kevin.

Year 5: Oluwaferanmi, Hyab, Raheim, Hermon, Efosa, Billal, Edward, Yafet, Habeeb, Bryan, Phillipa, Shanaya, Michelle, Daniel, Jake, Kaja Benjamin and Lois.

Year 6: Raul, Lewis, Terriarna, Nathan, Nevaeh, Misha, Daniela, Reginald, Leslie, Leiana-Niae, Karl, Maria, Levi, dima, Sienna, Shane, Oscar and Lourdes

Class of the Month: February: Attendance		Class of the Month: February: Punctuality	
<b>Year</b> <b>Reception</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>Year</b> <b>Reception</b>	<b>97.2.%</b>



## **CONTACT DETAILS (IMPORTANT)**

Just a reminder to let us know of any changes to your data information- if you move house; **change phone number**; if there are any changes in medical/diet information or meal arrangements then PLEASE let us know straight away. Don't wait for a Data Collection Sheet. Recently, we have been phoning numbers that are no longer in use or unavailable. It is vital that we have up-to-date contactable numbers in case of emergencies.

## **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WEEK 2**

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March: This will be our second focus week of the school year. The winners will receive WHS vouchers in the draw for all the children who are in school and on time will to be announced in the April Newsletter.

## **CORONA VIRUS**

You will be well aware of this virus due to the amount of current news coverage. I would like to make you aware that as a school we keep up to date with advice from the DFE and the Government. All surfaces, door handles etc are being cleaned with anti bacterial agents each day. We have spoken to the pupils about the importance of handwashing with soap and warm water. Each classroom has access to boxes of tissues and hand sanitiser gel.

<https://gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please follow the above link for further advice and information.

We will update you if we receive any further information.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL**

As part of our Lenten fundraising we sent out the little Good Shepherd Appeal boxes to raise money for Father Hudson's Homes. Please fill these with all your loose change during Lent. The last date for the return of the boxes is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. All monies collected will be presented to the Archbishop of Birmingham at a special Mass at St Chad's Cathedral in May. Thank you.

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING: CAFOD**

As part of our Lenten almsgiving each class will be raising money for the CAFOD 'What's my Goal' Challenge which the government will match pound for pound for any donations made. Each class will send details home of their individual fundraisers. Please support your children in almsgiving during Lent!

## **BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

Just a reminder to put your clocks forward on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March!

## **OUT AND ABOUT IN FEBRUARY**

We had our World Faith week on Islam this year with Y2 - Y6 having the opportunity to visit our local mosque this was so informative and interesting. We were made very welcome and the pupils all received some chocolate as a gift.

Y1 had a super visit to the 'Dino disco' with the Birmingham symphony orchestra.

## **NURSERY PLACES**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 they will be eligible for a place in our Nursery class. Please come and see Miss Mallaby in the school office and complete an application form. The closing date is the end of April.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Well done to all our children who come to school as a Biblical character this year. They were very well informed about the character they were portraying.

You will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher for each child in your family. This can be used towards the purchase of a book. This can be spent at our School book fair next week or go and spend this in any bookshop and have fun reading.

## **YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL**

We are looking forward to our residential with Y5 to Colomendy in North Wales at the beginning of April.

A reminder that all payments for the trip must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **VALENTINE'S DISCO**

We all had a fun time at our Valentine's Disco. Well done to all our super dancing children who won prizes. We raised £250 for our school fund which has been used to purchase more non fiction reading books for our classroom libraries.

### **SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Mixed Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball @Summerfield 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Jayden C Yr4, Aleksandra Yr4, Genesis Yr3,  
Jaedon B Yr3, Joshua M Yr4, Purity Yr4

**Third Place out of five schools**

#### **Year 4 CCIU Indoor Athletics @ Birmingham City University 28th February 2020**

Faith Yr4, Wiktor Yr4, Star Yr4, Aleksandra  
Yr4, Juliet Yr4, Eniola Yr4, Kevin Yr4

An indoor Athletics festival that involved experimenting with new equipment and activities. All Children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

#### **Mixed Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival, CCIU @ St Chads 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Raul Yr6, Krystalia Yr6, Shanaya Yr5, Habeeb  
Yr5, Sienna Yr6, Elijah Yr5, Shane Yr6

Another sports festival that involved professional coaching from Wasp's Rugby coaches that developed the skills required to play Tag Rugby. Yet another fantastic opportunity for our children who enjoyed the afternoon of games.



### **SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, and in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.