



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



February Newsletter 2023

'Walk in the Light of Christ'

Dear parents and carers,

Next Wednesday marks the start of Lent and we are hoping you will be able to attend our events relating to this before we break up.

We also have Parent's Consultation Evenings next half term which we encourage all parents and carers to attend, especially if you could not attend last term.

We are all very excited as we move forward with our new school build. The consultation for all stakeholders of the school and local community will take place in school sometime next half term, I will let you know as soon as the date is confirmed, and we will send further information about this nearer the time.

As most of our staff have phonics groups which start at 9.00 am, and the official start of the school day is 8.55 am, Low Grange Avenue Gate will be locked promptly at 8.55 am each morning after half term.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Mrs R Whyte
Headteacher

Fundraising and Charity Work

Christmas Fair, Year 6 Stalls and Raffle

Thank you again for your generosity with the fundraising events before Christmas. This has helped to significantly reduce the cost for our Year 6 families with the Carlton Residential later this term.

Clothes Bank and Community Ambassadors

The Community Ambassadors would like to remind you about our Clothes Bank which is located in the school car park. This raises awareness of the effect waste has on climate change and also raises money for the school. It can be used by any family and the local community. Please feel free to use it if you are having a 'Spring Clean'.

Parent View and Curriculum Website

Thank you for the responses so far to the RE and General Questionnaires that were sent out on 27th January. We are due an RE inspection in the coming months and there were a couple of lovely comments which can be shared with the RE Inspectors when they arrive. If you did not complete the questionnaires the links are on the email dated 27th January and any further positive comments would be very welcome. Please can you complete them by the end of this week. For information regarding the Curriculum please view our website. and let us know if you have any further suggestions.

Sports and Whole School Events

In addition to the sports events this term we are also having a workshop day when 'More than Dance' are visiting the school to work with the pupils. This is a company that enables the pupils to experience the power of creative communication in a spiritual way.

We are hoping to invite parents and carers in, at a later date, to share with you what the pupils have learnt and experienced. We will let you know more following the workshop day.



Achievement Assemblies

We are having a whole school focus on improving handwriting after the half term and are introducing another weekly certificate- 'Handwriter of the Week'.

Please check Dojo and Seesaw on a Friday to see if your child is a winner.

Parents and carers are invited to our End of Term Achievement Assembly at the end of term.

Lent and CAFOD

Ash Wednesday is during Half Term, on Wednesday 22nd February, which marks the start of Lent as we prepare for Easter. During Lent the Mini-Vinnies are organising a whole school sponsored event to support CAFOD 'The Big Lent Walk' campaign. This will also be to raise money for the victims of the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We will send further details after half term. There has also been mention of 'Soak the Teacher' resurfacing, we will perhaps wait until the weather is a little warmer for this fundraising event!

Diary Dates

20 th February-24 th February	Half Term-School Closed
27 th February-10 th March	Fair Trade Fortnight Friday 3 rd March 'Wear it Blue/Green Day'-Pupils donate £1 for Fairtrade Charity
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day-Information on further letter sent out with this newsletter
Monday 6 th March	Start collections of Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Raffle
Monday 6 th March	Reception and Key Stage 1 Movie Night-Information to follow
Tuesday 7 th March	Box2bfit Day-Pupils come to school in their PE kits
Wednesday 8 th March	More than Dance
Monday 13 th March	Key Stage 2 Movie Night-Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th March	Years 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops-Information to follow
Friday 17 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations
Monday 20 th March	Year 4 Swimming Fortnight starts-information to follow
Tues 21 st and Wed 22 nd March	Parent Consultation Evenings-Signing sheets will be available in the main entrance from Monday 6 th March
Tuesday 28 th March	9.15 Rec, Y 1 and 2 Easter Liturgy and Dance-Parents welcome 2.00 KS2 Easter Service-Parents Welcome
Wed 29 th -Friday 31 st March	Year 6 Carlton Residential
Thursday 30 th March	9.15 End of Term Achievement Assembly-Parents welcome
3rd April -15th April	School Closed for Easter Holidays