



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

'Walk in the Light of Christ'

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to finally be able to welcome you to our Christmas events again and the attendance and response to the Carol Service, Nativities and End of Term Assembly was lovely. We look forward to inviting you to the events at the end of this term.

We have had a good start to the academic year with lots of positive feedback about the pupil's behaviour and attitude when they have attended external events and when we have had visitors in school. They continue to make us all proud.

We are all very excited as we move forward with our new school build. There will be a consultation in school on 1st February where parents and members of the community will be invited into school to view the plans etc and we will send further information about this nearer the time.

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

Yours thankfully,

Fundraising and Charity Work Christmas Fair, Year 6 Stalls and Raffle

Thank you for your generosity with the events before Christmas. We raised over £1000, some of which will help to reduce the cost for our Year 6 families with the Carlton Residential later this term.

Community Ambassadors and Mini Vinnies

The views and opinions of our pupils are very important in the decision making of our school. We have various ways of obtaining their views including Pupil Voice and Questionnaires. We have several groups Eco-Warriors, Fair Trade, Rights Respecting Steering Group and Student Council which we are now giving the overall title of Community Ambassadors. This group is led by Mrs Linley. In addition to this, Mrs Dybell leads our Mini Vinnies who contribute to the Catholic Life, Collective Worship and RE aspects of our school. If you have any contributions or questions regarding both groups, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Parent View and Curriculum Website

A link for the Parent Questionnaire will be sent out via email this term. Last year there were some disagrees and 'don't know' regarding information parents receive about the curriculum and what the children learn. This has been further updated on the website and is very clear for parents to access. The Curriculum Newsletters for each class are also accessible termly on the website. Please can parents view this and let us know if you have any further suggestions.

Sports and Whole School Events

Schools Sports Partnership events continue to take place this term. If your child is attending an event, you will receive a letter. HUFC multisport, and National Elite Sports Coaching (NESC) continue to run after school clubs this term.

Other events this term include

- Swimming Fortnight Year 4
- Whole school Judo
- Whole school Box2bFit
- Whole school 'More than Dance'
- Year 6 residential to Carlton Outdoor Adventure Centre



Achievement Assemblies

Well done to all our Autumn Term 'Shining Light', 'Most Improved Handwriter' and 'Most Dojos for the Term' winners. We look forward to seeing who will win at the end of this term. Photos of our weekly winners are shared on Dojo and Seesaw each week.

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 we are encouraging our Mini-Vinnies to organise a whole school sponsored event to support CAFOD 'The Big Lent Walk' campaign. We will send further details later in the term.

Wednesday Word

Please remember to share the readings, prayers and activities as a family which we continue to share on Seesaw.

Diary Dates

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| Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th January | Whole School Judo workshops All pupils to come to school in their PE kits |
| Tuesday 24 th January | Friends of St Joseph's Group starts again 2.15 pm in school-new members are welcome to join |
| Wednesday 1 st February | New School Build Consultation 3-7 pm School Hall More information to follow |
| Week Beg 6 th February Tuesday 7 th February | Children's Mental Health Week Safer Internet Day |
| 20 th February-24 th February | Half Term-School Closed |
| 27 th February-10 th March | Fair Trade Fortnight-information to follow |
| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book Day-Information to follow |
| Monday 6 th March | Start collections of Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Raffle |
| Tuesday 7 th March | Box2bfit Day-All pupils come to school in their PE kits |
| Wednesday 8 th March | More than Dance |
| 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-Information to follow |
| 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 |