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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Newsletter No 21 - 14th February, 2020

A really important week for all the children.

We have been really proud of the children's attitude and interest shown in the work on 'Safer Internet Day' and during the 'Flat Stan' First Aid Training - both incredibly important Life Skills.

Please talk to the children about their learning - who knows, perhaps one day this training may save a life!

The Year of the Word



This week we share the words from the Bible chosen by Y5M and Y5H.



'Love your neighbour as you love yourself' Luke 10:27

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 26th February, 2020

We will be celebrating mass on the Wednesday and the children will have the opportunity to receive the ashes on their forehead.

The ashes are traced in the form of a cross and they mark the beginning of the season of Lent; a time of prayer, penance and alms-giving.

Mass will be at **9.05 am** and all parents are welcome to join us.

During Lent there will be a non-uniform day each Friday, for which we ask for a donation of £1 per family each week. This money will be split between our 3 school Lenten charities: Cafod, Father Hudson's and The Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership Rwanda Project.

The money raised for Cafod, this year, will go to inhabitants of the Rainforest, where, every minute a football pitch sized piece of the Rainforest is destroyed. In recognition of this, **the non-uniform on Friday 28th February will be football themed. Children may come dressed in a football kit or any other football themed clothing.**

In addition to this, each class has chosen a charity that is special to them. They will be finding out about the charity and thinking about how they can help.





| Year group | Charity/cause | Focus week |
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| N | SHELTER | Week commencing 30 th March |
| R | BLISS | Week commencing 23 rd March |
| Y1 | NEONATAL UNIT HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL | Week commencing 16 th March |
| Y2 | DONKEY SANCTUARY, BIRMINGHAM | Week commencing 9 th March |
| Y3 | GLOBAL'S MAKE SOME NOISE | Week commencing 2 nd March |
| Y4 | TO BE CONFIRMED | Week commencing 2 nd March |
| Y5 | CAFOD | Week commencing 24 th Feb |
| Y6 | ALTON CASTLE | Week commencing 24 th Feb |

We start, during the first week, with Year 5 and 6. Year 5 will be taking part in football themed activities and will be having a cinema afternoon and Year 6 will be doing a sponsored Spelling Bee and will be running a Penny Drive throughout Lent. Class teachers will provide the classes with further information, so do ask your children about this.

Reception are holding a Tiny Tea party to raise money for Bliss, the premature baby charity. If you could knit any cardigans, hats, booties, gloves etc, these will be donated to the local neo-natal unit along with any monies raised. Please send in the week commencing 23rd March. Thank you.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March, 2020

Advanced notice - get thinking about what book character you want to come as and what book to bring in to share with your friends!

Visit www.worldbookday.com for lots of extra information and resources.

Weather permitting, we will have our annual parade at 9.10 am on this day.

Chamber Music Festival

Many congratulations to our Brass and Woodwind players, Nathaniel, Naomi, Bilha, David, Ella, Shianne, Lauron, Daniel Adeo, Liam (Y6), Jehovani, Archie, Ava, Peter, Ann, Amy (Y5) who performed superbly at St Michael's in Boldmere on Tuesday and Wednesday. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great talent!

ParentPay

We will shortly be accepting payments online for school meals and trips. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school - from after the Easter break, we will no longer be accepting cash payments into school. Your account activation details with instructions on how to get started with ParentPay have been sent home with your child this week. If you have any questions then please contact the school office. Thank you.

Nursery - September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they will be eligible for a Nursery place in September 2020. Please call at the school office to complete an application form. Thank you.





Values and Virtues

Congratulations to Tyreek (2B) and Narcisa (3M) who are the winners of our 'Compassionate and Loving' certificates this week.

Behaviour Awards

Blue Badges: Hadia, Joseph G, Scott, Alice, Mustapha, Freya, Fathima, Muhammad Na

Pink Badges: Annayah, Zariah, Lottie, Divine, Caitlyn, Miley-Louise, Teodora, Rida, Lola B, Poppy, Aimee

Purple Badges: Samuel S, Alexander, Logan W, Angel, Joel, Christiana

Red Badges: Ariaah, Adam F, Avyanna, Oliver Ca, Ellie-May

Green Badge: Jakub

STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

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| Nursery | Mayumi |
| Reception CT | Hurairah |
| Reception SS | Sofia |
| Year 1M | Whole class |
| Year 1P | Mateen |
| Year 2B | Aidan |
| Year 2G | Usman, Sophia-Rose |
| Year 3B | Poppie, Natalia |
| Year 3M | Patryk |
| Year 4P | Daniel, Jasmine |
| Year 4R | Charlotte, Scott |
| Year 5H | Ethan |
| Year 5M | Amari |
| Year 6G | Keenan |
| Year 6T | Gabriele |
| SPORTS AWARD | Harafa (5H) |
| WISE OWL AWARD | Jakub (4P) |
| MUSIC AWARD | Brass and Woodwind ensemble |
| EARLY YEARS ANGELS OF THE WEEK | Louis (Nurs), Ellie (RCT), Fletcher (RSS) |

Well done everyone!



Period - 3rd February - 7th February, 2020

| Group | % Attend |
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| RCT | 91.7% |
| RSS | 96.1% |
| Year 1P | 90.8% |
| Year 1M | 96.5% |
| Year 2B | 98.9% |
| Year 2G | 96.6% |
| Year 3B | 94% |
| Year 3M | 95% |
| Year 4P | 94% |
| Year 4R | 97.7% |
| Year 5H | 98.5% |
| Year 5M | 94% |
| Year 6G | 97.1% |
| Year 6T | 96.3% |

Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes will be on sale on Tuesday 25th February, 2020 for Shrove Tuesday at tuck time- cost 35p. Thank you.

Farewell

Mrs Willdig leaves us today to take up new challenges. We thank her for all she has done while at St Wilfrid's and wish her every success in the future.

Half term

School breaks up for the half term holiday today and re-opens on Monday 24th February 2020 at 8.55 am.

Have a lovely break.

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

