



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Well done to all of the children and staff who made a huge effort for World Book Day! We had a fantastic day celebrating and promoting the joy of reading and the children completed activities all around their favourite books. We had a wide range of characters from The Gruffalo, Harry Potter, Willy Wonka, Where's Wally, superheroes, princesses and many more! Pictures will shortly be making their way onto Twitter and the school website.

The children also enjoyed a story time session with a surprise teacher from a different year group. They really enjoyed this. Ask them about the story they read.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Further Reading Resources:

Have a look at this document which can help parents make the most of reading time at home:

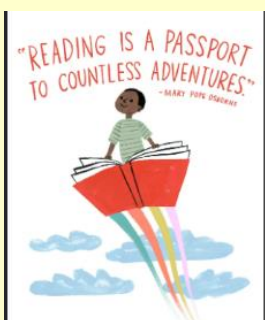
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

Also, take a look at the lists of recommended reads for each age bracket if your child is looking for something new:

[A list of recommended books for EYFS Booklists \(Ages 3-5\) \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

[A list of recommended books for KS1 Booklists \(Ages 5-7\) \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

[A list of recommended books for KS2 Booklists \(Ages 7-11\) \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)



Lent

We have been thinking about our journey through Lent this week and we re-visited the sign language for 'Give, Act, Pray.' These actions focus our attention on God and remind us how God wants us to behave. We built on this learning this week, looking at the sign language for 'Jesus, be my path.'

This morning we enjoyed an assembly led by Brian from Cafod who talked to us about our global family and how we can show our support for them during Lent. We started working on our Mini Vinnies initiatives today with a 'Live Simply' lunch of soup and a roll. Well done, children!

[https://cafod.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIgef9oMC\\_QIVhrHtCh3xiwrvEAAAYASAAEqIAFvD\\_BwE](https://cafod.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIgef9oMC_QIVhrHtCh3xiwrvEAAAYASAAEqIAFvD_BwE)

Virtues

This week, we have begun thinking about our new virtues for this half term, Learned and Wise. We can be learned, by finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good. To be educated is to be learned - to know about God's creation and about people who are a part of it. While facts and skills are important, we also need wisdom - the ability to see what is important and what is not.



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## PTA Update

Thank you to all who attended the PTA meeting on Monday. It was helpful to collate the views on the events so far this academic year and think about some exciting spring and summer events that are in the pipeline! This will start with a **Mothers Sunday gift shop on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. The children can buy a present for a grown-up in their life, Mom, Gran, Auntie, etc. Gifts are available to purchase on the school Gateway. Please pay by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March so that the PTA can prepare the number of gifts needed to send home with the children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Please help support the PTA in purchasing a gift as it all goes towards amazing resources for our children.

We are just finalising the orders for a re-vamp of the playground and look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

We would also like you to consider joining the 50-50 Club - see flyer attached. As again, the takings go into the PTA fund. As a new change moving forwards, there will be one winner for each month, winning a larger amount!

50-50 Winners for February, each winning £18.13 are:

- Emma Weston
- Sabrina Keen
- Adele Flaherty
- Tony Taylor

(Cheques will be sent within the next couple of weeks.)

## Events

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm:  
Live Simply Soup Lunch  
Y6 Reconciliation in school

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March:  
2:15pm Y2 Class Teaching Mass

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March:  
Y6 attending Mass with the Parish

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm:  
Y6 Confirmation Mass

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:  
Y4 attending Mass with the Parish

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm:  
Y3 Sacramental Workshop

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am: Y1 and Y2 Family Mass

## Reflection

### *This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent*

*"...when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus." (Matthew 17: 1-9)*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

