



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have immersed ourselves in the Season of Lent this week, thinking about our role in 'giving, acting and praying.' We have been thinking about keeping Jesus at the centre of all that we do and how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps to be a role model for others. The Mini Vinnies have been working hard, planning some initiatives and fundraisers for Lent. Please see the letter below with information about how they would like us to put our faith into action during Lent.

We are looking forward to celebrating world book week in a couple of weeks; however, our culture of reading is evident on a daily basis around school and not just during a themed week. We have been stocking up on the 'recommended reads' for each year group and KS2 children will be bringing them home as part of our drive in reading for pleasure. Here is a 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, please take a look at the lists of recommend reads for each age bracket:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/books-by-age-and-year-group/early-years/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/books-by-age-and-year-group/ks1/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/books-by-age-and-year-group/ks2/>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

Diary Dates and Events

Wednesday 28th February 6pm PTA meeting

Thursday 29th February 2:15pm Y3
Reconciliation Workshop

Thursday 29th February YR and Y6 heights and weights

Tuesday 5th March - YN and YR Reading Workshop - please see separate letter

Thursday 7th March - 7pm
Y6 Confirmation

Friday 8th March - We are encouraging children to dress as a character in celebration of World Book Week. Please note that we do not want parents to buy anything special for the occasion. It could be that your child already has an outfit or accessory that they could wear, or perhaps they would like to make something like a prop from the book, that they could bring with them.

Fridays - Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme (every Friday until Easter)

Maths workshops this half term - please see separate letter

Wednesday 28th February 3:30 Y5/6

Wednesday 6th March 3:30 Y3/4

Wednesday 13th March 3:30 Y1/2

Sunday 10th March 9:30am Family Mass

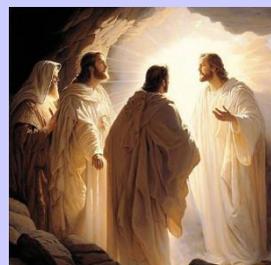
Thursday 14th March - Sport fundraiser day - more details to follow

Thursday 21st March 3:15pm Art Gallery - more details to follow

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is Second Sunday of Lent

Peter, James and John saw the light of God's glory, shining from Jesus. Jesus shares that light and love with all of us. We ask that the light in our hearts helps us to change so that we will be more like Jesus, filled with his joy, happiness and goodness.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher



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Dear Parents,

Lent started on Wednesday 14th February and, as is traditional, the children will be encouraged to live out their faith to help our chosen charities. This year the children have voted to support the charities CAFOD, Father Hudson's Homes and Cancer Research.

As part of the children's Lenten initiatives, the Mini Vinnies have voted to carry out three main fundraising initiatives to help both their local and global families.

Initiative 1 - Family Fast Day

On **Friday 1st March** all children will be encouraged to "Live Simply" through their choice of dinner and empathise with their global brothers and sisters, who do not have a lot of food to eat. On this day, the children will be able to opt for a simple lunch of soup, bread roll and a pudding to raise money for CAFOD. This can be booked in the usual way on School Gateway.

Initiative 2 - "Giving Friday"

As Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the children would like to support the local foodbank by donating food and toiletries. Each Friday, children are asked to bring a small offering to show their solidarity for those in need. The focus will be different each week and will be as follows:

Friday 1st March - Toiletries

Friday 8th March - Easter Eggs

Friday 15th March - Tins

Friday 22nd March - Treats - biscuits, crisps, chocolate etc.

Initiative 3 - Spring Fair

On **Friday 15th March**, the Mini Vinnies will be organising a Spring fair with different fundraising stalls that will be arranged and run by each class. The Mini Vinnies hope that the classes will have fun planning, arranging and participating in the activities whilst being able to raise money for the needy and living out their faith through their actions and participation. More details on this will be shared once the classes have made their plans.

Please talk to your child about how you, as a family, can support these plans to show solidarity towards those in need. All donations and generosity will be gratefully received.

Many thanks for your continued support as we try to help your child live out their faith in their actions.

Yours Sincerely

E. J. Hayes (Assistant Head and RE Lead) and the Mini Vinnies.