

St Patrick's School Newsletter

Dear Families,
Catholic Life: Lent

The word of the week:

'Prayer'

Prayer is something that can be really hard to understand, let alone do. Sometimes it comes naturally but usually it's something we forget about and don't find time for. Prayer is simply a chat with God and you don't need to use the right words, you don't even need to use any words, you just need to put aside some time to be with God. It's amazing what a difference a few minutes a day can make - try it for yourself this week!

We have been overwhelmed with the support given through the donations of food, toiletries and clothing to send to Ukraine. As a school, parish community we are keeping all those in need in our prayers.

It is important that we continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers.

CAFOD have also launched their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the CAFOD website,
<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=123770>

During this difficult time, please be reassured that we are talking to pupils about the conflict in Ukraine. In our older year groups, the pupils are watching episodes of Newsround and our prayers throughout the day are including praying for anyone who has been affected and feel this is providing pupils with comfort. During Science week, we are going to plant sunflowers, which is Ukraine's national flower.

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

CAFOD- Walk Against Hunger

Y6 began our walk against hunger work through walking to church on Tuesday. They led a mass for the parish, which was focussed on the theme of 'Prayer'. Today, the children have taken part in the whole school 'Walk Against Hunger'. The day began with the CAFOD big assembly, and throughout the day each class had the opportunity to complete a prayerful walk thinking about those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for your generous donations which raised **£166.92** for CAFOD





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We are really pleased to be able to invite families back into school to attend community events. Please see the below list of events which are happening over the next few weeks.

Date	Event
Monday 14 th –Friday 18 th March	Scholastic Book Fair- books will be on sale every evening after school
Thursday 17 th March	9am- St Patrick's Day whole school mass with families and parishioners welcome 2.15pm- Child led minimarket- families invited to attend
Friday 18 th March	8.30am- Y1 and Y2 Stay and Pray
Friday 25 th March	8.30am- Foundation Stage – Stay and Pray 2.45pm- Come and See Assembly- Y1,2 and 3 – Families invited to attend
Tuesday 29 th March	2.15pm- Whole school mass
Friday 1 st April	9am Stations of the cross – Y3,4,5 and 6 8.30am- Y1 and Y2- Stay and Pray

Stay and Pray- These sessions will give families the opportunity to bring their child into the classroom to complete early work, read a book or complete an activity before then joining the class for a short collective worship.

Come and See assembly – This assembly will give our children the chance to show case the work which they have been doing across a range of curriculum areas.



St Patrick's Day 17th March

On St Patrick's day, families are welcome to join us in school at 9am for a whole school mass to celebrate this special day. Throughout the day children will be completing activities which will build their knowledge of St Patrick. Children are invited to wear a symbol of green. In the afternoon, there will be a St Patrick's themed mini-market; families are welcome to collect their child/children from 2.15pm to attend the Mini-Market or if you prefer your child can attend the mini-market with a group from their class. Children in Y3-Y6 will be stall holders and all children will have their chance to spend their pennies at the mini-market. If your child is in the choir, then they will be singing during the mini-market and this is scheduled for 2.30pm. Once you have attended the market you will be welcome to take your child home. The gates will open at 2.10pm and please collect your child from class.



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Scholastic Book Fair

All week next week we have the Scholastic Book Fair in school. The books will be on sale after school, the £1 World Book Day tokens can be used at the book fair. Each class will spend some time next week looking at the books in school time and all books sold raises money for us to buy new books for school.

Volunteers

We need you! We are asking for volunteers in school to listen to readers. If you feel this is something you could do or grandparents, please get in touch with the school office to have your DBS completed.

Please do not feel you need to give a set time each week. We are very flexible around everyone's commitments.

Extra Curricula Activities

We still have places available on the below extra curricula activities. It would be wonderful to see more of our pupils join these clubs.

Day	Activity	Year groups	Payment
Monday	Art and Craft	Y1-Y6	3 weeks £3 per week £9 in total
Monday	Dance	Y1-Y6	3 weeks £3 per week £9 in total
Tuesday	Ball games	Y1-Y6	3 weeks £3 per week £9 in total
Thursday	Reading and writing	Y1-Y6	3 weeks £3 per week £9 in total
Thursday	ICT	Y1-Y6	3 weeks £3 per week £9 in total

Foundation Governor Vacancy

We are looking to fill a foundation governor vacancy. This vacancy is for a practicing Catholic who would like to offer their skills, experiences and interests in order to move the school further forward. If you feel this is something that you would be interested in doing please contact the school office for a chat with either Mrs Smedley or Mrs Maria Keay (our chair of governors).

Nursery Applications

We are accepting applications for Easter and September starts and have availability for morning, afternoon or whole day sessions.

Our Nursery has recently been refurbished, in a modern, neutral style. The outside area is due to be completed by June 2022. If you would like to book in a visit to have a look round and meet some of the staff, please ring the office on 01623 478090.

Science Week

Starting today is National science week. The theme this year is '**growing**'. We will be working on a whole school project which is related to showing our support for the people of Ukraine.

On Monday, each class will look at the life cycle of a sunflower, before planting their own sunflowers and watching the process happen. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. We will be planting our sunflowers in the school grounds and watching them grow and flourish. We will also be learning a song all about growing seeds.

Attendance



Attendance this week:

F2: 96.7%

Y1: 97.8%

Y2: 98.1%

Y3: 98.6%

Y4: 99.6%

Y5: 95.8%

Y6: 94.8%

Overall: 97.3% A great effort!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
In prayer and partnership
Mrs J L Smedley