



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter March 3rd

Word of the week

FASTING



This week's work of the week has been Prayer

Next week's work of the week is: Fasting

We often give up things for lent but fasting is not just about going without chocolate. Its about going without something you need in order to focus on the things you do. You might fast from watching tv or going on your phone and spend more time with your family and friends. What can you give up for Lent that will help you understand really important things in your life?

LENT



This Lent, we are working as a school to raise money as part of our almsgiving mission. This includes taking part in CAFOD's big Lent walk and also for our house charities at our St Patrick's Mini Market.

We know you will join us in working together during lent to ensure that we support those in need through the three pillars of Lent: almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

Lenten Events in School

Week 2

Buddy Mass Y2/3 - Tuesday 28th February

CAFOD Assembly for all children in school – Thursday 2nd March

CAFOD Family Fast Day and Big Lent Walk- Friday 3rd March

Week 3

Buddy Mass Y4/5 – Tuesday 7th March

CAFOD workshops for all children in school- Thursday 9th March

Week 4

St Patrick's Day Mass – Friday 17th March 9am

St Patrick's Day Mini Market raising funds for house charities (Children only) – Friday 17th March

Week 5

Buddy Mass EYFS/Y1 – Tuesday 21st March

Whole school mass led by Y6 – Tuesday 28th March

Stations of the Cross – Friday 31st March 9am



CAFOD

On Thursday, we welcomed Mrs Neale into our school. Mrs Neale is an ambassador for CAFOD. She shared lots of information, during an assembly, about the work of CAFOD and how any money raised is used to support people in other countries.

Big Lenten walk

Our children took part today in the big Lenten walk. All classes walked around the field to raise money for CAFOD.

We are really proud of everyone efforts and thank everyone in advance for their donations.

Chaplaincy Team

We are really please to have been able to welcome Luke Potter into our school this week. Luke has been appointed as one of the hub chaplains and from September will have a weekly dedicated time in our school to work with our children as chaplains. Luke will continue to be a regular visitor in school as he starts to get to know the our community.

This valuable development means we have a further opportunity to expand our chaplaincy team. Year 4 and Year 5 are being given the opportunity to express their interest in becoming a chaplain for their house and will be looked after by our Y6 chaplains.

First Holy Communion update First Confessions





Due to clergy's commitments, the new date for the first confession is Monday 6th March from 3.30pm to 4.20pm. Due to issues with the heating in church, Fr John has asked that this takes place in school.

The First Holy Communion session will continue whilst the children make their first confession individually. As always, you are very welcome to attend the sessions.

I would be grateful if you could spend time with your child looking over the work that was sent home with your child about this sacrament as this will really help in their preparation.

Attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Communication for Attendance

All absences need to be communicated in one of the following ways:

- a phone call to the school office (01623 478090)
- an email to the office email address
- via parent mail

Please do not email class email addresses for absences

Reception 98%

Year 1 93%

Year 2 97%

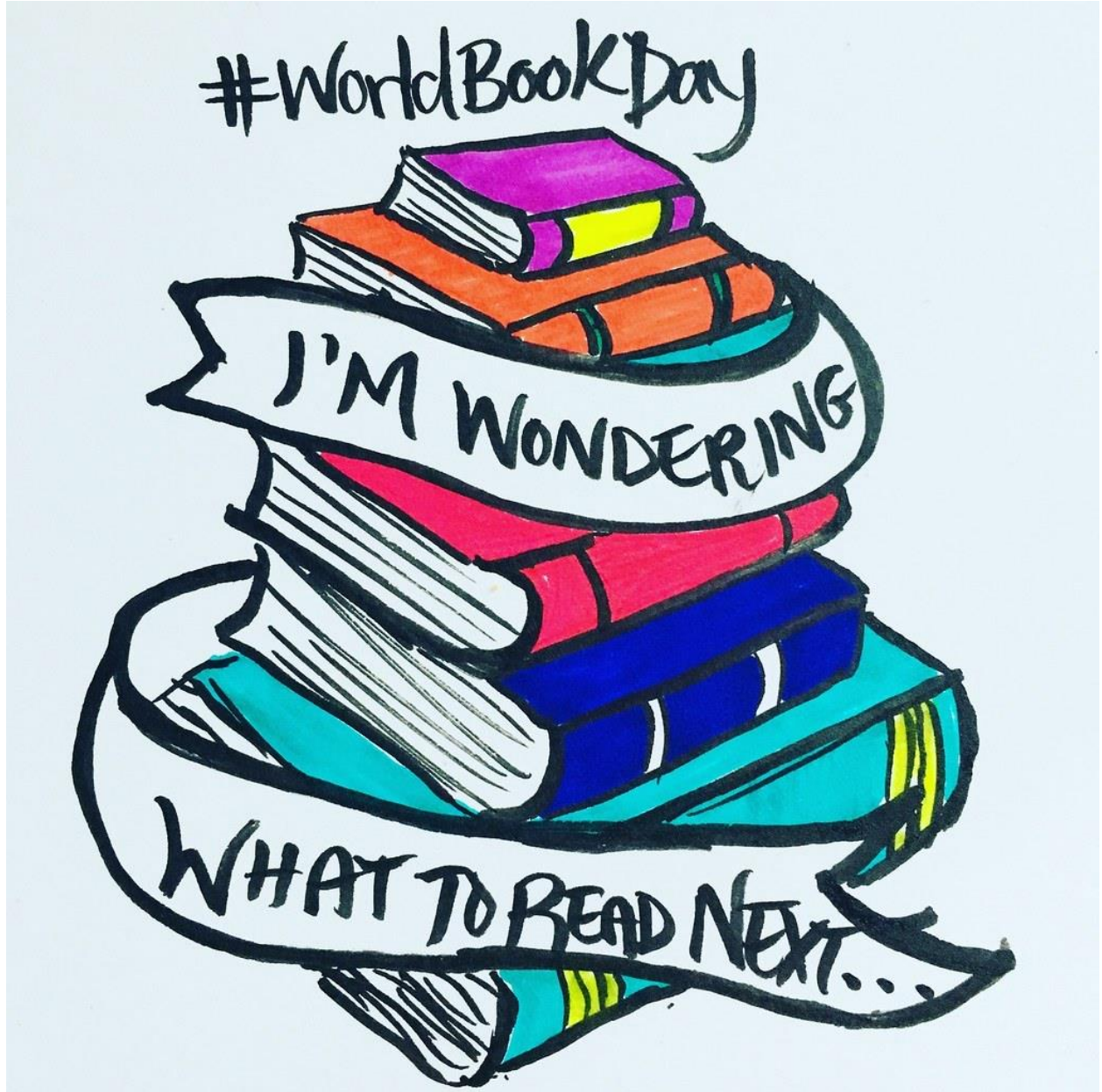
Year 3 98%

Year 4 97%

Year 5 96%

Year 6 95%

World Book Day



On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. As a school, we came together to read a book called Bloom by Anne Booth, which encourages us to appreciate and love what is in front of us, and how that seeing and loving helps us, and others, bloom. As our World Book Day mission was to make somebody

bloom, all of the children created a picture or wrote a letter to the elderly patients at Kings Mill Hospital. These will be delivered to the patients next week, who will be extremely appreciative. We also spent time in our classes exploring a range of books and completing book-based activities. To end the busy day, we spent time in house groups to do buddy reading.

If you would like to access the book 'Bloom' at home, please follow the link:

<https://tinyowl.co.uk/read-along-bloom/>

All of the children have now received their World Book Day token which can be spent at local booksellers. These tokens can also be redeemed at our Book Fair which will be in school from 13th-17th March. Throughout the week, each class has a scheduled time to visit the book fair to explore the different books available. It will also be open to families to come and visit and to purchase from 3.20pm every day. Although cash payments are preferred, online card payments will also be available.

Competition time!

Win a £25 voucher to spend at our travelling book fair which will be at St Patrick's from the 13th to the 17th March.

All you have to do is design a new book cover for one of your favourite books or a completely new book. It can be whichever you choose!

When completed, please bring your entries into school and send them with your name and year group to Miss Godfrey in Y6 by Wednesday 8th March. The winner of the competition will be announced on Friday 10th of March, ready for the arrival of our travelling book fair on Monday the 13th March.

We can't wait to see all of your creativity shine!

Swimming





Swimming will continue for Y4 this week. Please make sure your child has their kit on Monday morning.

Governor Recruitment



We are currently recruiting for new Foundation governors to join our Local Governing Body. Our governing body meets once per half term to discuss all aspects of school life. If you would be interested in considering joining the governors, then please contact Mrs Smedley via the office to an informal conversation.

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Miss Godfrey for co-ordinating a fantastic world book day. We would also like to thank Mrs Neale for coming and sharing her work with CAFOD.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley