

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
Newsletter No. 23 – Spring Term

Friday 16th March 2018

Attendance and Punctuality (5th to 9th March 2018)



A huge well done to children in Year 3 for achieving a brilliant 100% attendance last week. Our average attendance for the week was 96.4% which is a great improvement on previous weeks. Please keep up the good work!

I would also like to confirm to you that Miss Plivda in the office has taken over the task of monitoring and improving attendance and punctuality with me. She has already met with some of you and the impact of her work is clearly evident. I look forward to exceeding our set target of 96% by the end of this academic year.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	90.5%
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	100.0%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	99.2%

Punctuality is improving gradually, with only 13 late marks recorded for the same period. As you know, the register is taken promptly at 9 am, by which time children should be settled in and ready to begin the day. Please encourage a calm and measured start to the school day by arriving in enough time for this to be the case. Thank you again for your continued efforts.

Attendance Prizes

As part of celebrating success with the children, I thought I would remind you of our attendance rewards, which are now as follows:

- Weekly:** A trophy is awarded to the class with the best attendance every week at Worship. There are two trophies; one for each Key Stage.
- Half-termly:** Each week the names of all children who have achieved 100% attendance during that week will be entered into a draw. At the end of the half-term, one name will be drawn from each Key Stage and a £10.00 Waterstones voucher will be presented to these children.



Every day coloured tokens are added to the display in the entrance lobby for any class whose children have been on time for school. Totals are announced each week at the Worship assembly and the class with the highest total at the end of the half-term is awarded a special treat. Examples are extra Golden Time or a popcorn party during Golden Time.



- Termly:** Following the same process as above, there will be a termly prize of a Cineworld Family e-voucher, equivalent to entry for two adults and two children.

Mothers' Day Assembly



If you wish to purchase a DVD of last Friday's lovely Mothers' Day assembly, this is now available to order via ParentPay for children in the participating classes (i.e. Nursery through to Year 2) for a donation of £1.00. We are aiming to become completely cashless from September so would appreciate your use of the online system. We can provide a letter with usernames and codes for those of you who may not have used the system yet. Otherwise, £1 in cash should be given to the office in a clearly labelled envelope with the child's name, class and 'Mothers' Day DVD'. This will save queues and waiting time for you all. Thank you!

We will check those who have ordered and send the DVDs home via the classes when they are copied. Please place your orders **by next Friday 23rd March at the latest**, so that we can send these home before we break up for the Easter holiday.

Camden Music Festival



I have been hearing from the children, parents and Miss Cotter about what a wonderful occasion this was. Both the behaviour and the performance given by our Choir was absolutely exemplary and the children are a credit to you all. Well done to each and every one of them; I hope you all enjoyed this marvellous evening. A big thank you to Miss Cotter for her amazing hard work with the children.

I was so sorry to have missed this event but I sadly had to visit a close family member who is very seriously ill.

Parent Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler



A reminder that Miss Tyler will host a coffee morning for parents in the school hall next Thursday 22nd March from 9 to 10 am. Topics covered will include an update on the school's building project by Mrs Blanchfield and the subject of online safety, which Mrs Shaw will discuss. All are welcome.

Stunning Poem by Year 4 Student!

Following his visit to St Joseph's on 28th February, the poet Joshua Seigal was so impressed by a poem written by Sienna in Year 4, that he published it on his website with the above title. You can read Sienna's poem, *The Sad Box*, at: <http://joshuaseigalpoet.blogspot.co.uk/2018/03/stunning-poem-by-year-4-student.html>.

Fantastic work, Sienna – we are extremely proud of you!



Scarlet Fever

We need to alert parents that we are aware of a case of scarlet fever in Year 1. There is no need to be alarmed about this, but do contact your GP if you have any doubt. Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>.

CAFOD Envelopes



A few of you have already returned the green CAFOD envelopes which were sent home with the children after a recent Worship assembly with the children. Please consider sending in a donation as a Lenten offering to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We will need to have these returned as soon as possible after the Easter break. Thank you in advance.

Coding Club – Ages 9 – 15 – 'Learn to code the Raspberry Pi'



Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about a club starting in April at the City Learning Centre, led by James Gorrie from the Wellcome Trust. All the details are on the flyer, which gives an email address and a telephone number for more information and booking.



Lego & Arts/Crafts Club – Summer Term (1)

- Lego Club will restart for the first half of the Summer Term. Priority will be given to children who have not yet participated but everyone will need to **re-register their interest** by the end of next week (Friday 23rd March). Miss Plivda will confirm places during the last week of term. Payment will be via ParentPay and the cost will be £15.00 for the half-term.
- The Arts & Crafts Club will restart in the same way, with **re-registration required** as above. We are excited to see the final product of this half-term's club, which will soon be ready and on display! After Easter the Club will be open to children from Years 1 to 6, up to a maximum of 16 places.



Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who are commended or their excellent work, efforts or behaviour, as detailed below:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Skylar for writing the initial letters independently for her pictures in the News book.	Amanda for using lovely words to describe how she spent a weekend with our class mascot, Milly!		
Reception	Eliza J for trying her best to complete the writing challenge every day!	William for his continuous effort to keep our classroom a nice and tidy place!	Sienna	
Year 1	Teddy for trying really hard to keep his writing on the line.	Sean for always making sure the classroom is lovely and tidy <i>and</i> a fantastic, confident performance in the Mother's Day assembly.	Su	
Year 2	Vincent for his great writing about a treasure adventure!	Jasmin for such a confident performance during the Mother's Day assembly.	Sam	
Year 3	Imranul for taking extra care with presentation and spelling in his Iron Man setting description.	Victor – for making a huge effort to speak English whenever he can!	Santino	Renee – for playing with different people and generally setting a wonderful example in the playground.
Year 4	Stanley for using his plan effectively in his narratives.	Jimi for always having such wonderful manners and showing kindness to everybody.	Princess	
Year 5	Eddie for remembering to use paragraphs correctly throughout his work.	Julio for trying hard in all lessons	Adam	
Year 6	Isabella for her brilliant piece of writing for her Pobble 365 homework.	Harry for always trying his best and persevering, even when things are tricky.	Ella	

Building Fund / NEWS!

The scaffolding / hoist system is now being installed at the rear entrance of the school, as we explained last week, to facilitate access for building materials and workers as we begin the building of our new Early Years classroom. The back doors will still be in use for exit from the school and as a fire exit, although the hoarding surrounding the scaffolding will cover the railings facing out, with access remaining via the gate.



There will also be a gantry along the gap between the top playground and the school building, where the infill / light-well will eventually be. This part of the structure will be erected during the Easter holiday and the new classroom is targeted for completion by the end of the Summer holiday.

Any contribution you can make to our Building Fund (via ParentPay) will help to make a difference to the project and will be used towards final improvements to the playground, furnishings etc. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to complete a Gift Aid form at the office. Thank you!

Dates for the Diary

A list of the main known events for the term follows – please note the highlighted dates which indicate a change has been made or an event has been added:

Spring Term 2018	
Monday 19 th March 2018 at 9.30 am	School Mass for St Joseph (Years 1 to 6) at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 22 nd March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 6
Monday 26 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Term Ends at 1.15 pm (Energy Kidz will still run)
EASTER HOLIDAY	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 16 th April 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Children return to school
Thursday 19 th April 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

