

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

**Dear Parents and Carers,
 Newsletter No. 15 – Spring Term**

Friday 8th February 2019

Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2

Clubs will begin in first week of the half-term, i.e. w/c 25th February. You have until 14th February 9am to register your children. Priority will be given to children who have not previously attended. Please note, a place will not be offered if there is an outstanding payment for a previous term.

The cost will be £15 for the half-term and will be payable only via ParentPay. For the Reading Club we ask for just £5. Miss Plivda will be in touch to confirm places via email on Friday 15th February.

Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Cooking Club – KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6) with Miss Iglesias & Mrs Davis	10 places available
Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Lego Club – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Miss Duffield & Ms Defreitas	10 places available
Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Arts & Crafts – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Mrs Davis & Miss Duffield	16 places available
Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Cooking Club – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Miss Iglesias & Mrs Davis	10 places available
Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Reading Club – Y1 & Y2 with Miss Smith & Mrs Davis	16 places available

Coffee Mornings and Prayers – 14th February - CARITAS

Our next Parent Prayer meeting for parents will be on Thursday 14th February at 9 am.



Afterwards, parents are invited to stay at school for a whole school assembly from the organisation 'Caritas' whose aim is to "End poverty, promote justice and restore dignity." They will be working with the children over the next couple of months so it will be so helpful for parents to have an understanding of their work, in order to support the



children's learning around the themes of social justice and the common good.

Cake Sale – Also on 14th February! Everyone is welcome to support our annual fundraiser for Valentine's Day, when the children are also invited to **dress in red or pink to celebrate**. The sale will take place at the end of the afternoon and, weather permitting, we will set up outside. Put the date in your diaries now! The children will be choosing which charity to support on this day.

Save the date!

SLEEPOUT

On the night of Friday 1st March St Joseph's will be hosting a sponsored sleep-out for Four Walls. Watch this space for more news of how you can get involved, raise money and raise awareness of homelessness in London. We will be using the basement playground.



More details will be given next week!

Pope Francis Tweet

This week the Pope teaches us that we can all be a channel of healing if we are open to God's Holy Spirit to be used for His work:



*We all need to be healed, and we can all heal others
if we are humble and meek: with a good word, with patience, with a glance.*

Whole School RE Homework REMINDER – to be completed by Friday 15th February, before half-term

Today is the feast day of St Bridget. Please can the children be supported in researching her life and faith so we can all learn about her together.

Building Fund

If you are able, don't forget to make a regular termly contribution to our Building Fund, which will help enormously towards the final phase of our project. Since we relaunched this fund in September 2017, parents have donated a total of £3,435.10, so our thanks go out to all who have contributed; please keep your donations coming in.

If you have any corporate contacts which may be useful in this area, please contact Mrs Blanchfield.

February Half-Term Football

Don't forget there are football courses available at half-term at Bloomsbury Football Academy. Details are available at: www.bloomsburyfa.com.



Attendance this term

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery	91.7%
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	93.2%

To finish with a comment regarding attendance, the table shows figures from the beginning of term to today. Well done to Year 1 and Year 5 for exceeding the minimum target of 96% set for us by the DfE. We need ALL classes to be doing this please.

Next Friday there is a chance to win a book voucher for children who have a total of over 96% attendance for the half-term.

Attendance letters will go out next week; some are for information only but others may include an invitation to meet with the Education Welfare Officer where there is a concern.

Over the half-term so far, we have recorded a total of 92 late marks, which averages out as 18.5 lates per week. As always we urge you to make every effort to get to school by 8.45 am, which gives the children a calm and settled start to their school day and teaches them the importance of punctuality

With thanks and wishing you all a great weekend.

Kind regards,

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School success starts
with attendance