

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 Newsletter No. 16 – Spring Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2

Miss Plivda will have emailed parents today to confirm places. Exact dates have been given on the email. The cost will be £15 for the half-term and will be payable only via ParentPay. Payment must be received by 26<sup>th</sup> February please.

Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Cooking Club – KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6) with Miss Iglesias & Mrs Davis	3 places available
Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Lego Club – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Miss Duffield & Ms Defreitas	6 places available
Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Arts & Crafts – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Mrs Davis & Miss Duffield	Full
Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Cooking Club – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Miss Iglesias & Mrs Davis	Full
Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Reading Club – Y1 & Y2 with Miss Smith & Mrs Davis	5 places available

## CARITAS Westminster – Prayers and Cakes!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the prayer meeting and assembly yesterday based around the work of the organisation Caritas. Thanks also to all who donated, bought or helped to sell cakes at the end of the day. We have counted up **£106.60** today, which we will be sending to Bakhita House as a donation. A Bakhita House, Caritas help women who have escaped human trafficking. To find out more about the work of Caritas around the principles of Catholic Social Justice and the Common Good, do visit: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/home.php>.



It was also lovely to see all the children dressed in red or pink for St Valentine!

## SLEEP OUT

On the night of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, as mentioned last week, St Joseph's will be hosting the third annual 'Big Sleep Out' for our adopted charity, Four Walls. Due to safeguarding this event is only open to adults, but the children will be so excited to hear about it and proud of their school for taking part. There will be at least three members of our staff present so we can tell them all about it as part of the Social Justice Week. For details on how to support with donations or by attending, please visit <https://www.fourwallscharity.com/big-sleep-out-2019>



# BIG SLEEP OUT 2019

'Sleep rough' for the night and raise money to keep our services going

## Social Justice Week and RE Homework for the Half Term

When we return from half-term, the children will all be working on the topic of Social Justice and the Common Good. We will be welcoming speakers from Fair Trade and CAFOD, who will lead an assembly and will also lead workshops with Years 5 and 6.

To have an idea of the themes we will cover, take a look at the picture opposite and visit the Caritas website (see above). Please then support and encourage your child to complete a piece of work on any of the themes listed. They are free to choose which one and their piece of work can be either artwork or writing. Help them to research and understand, so that they are already prepared and excited for the first week back – Thank you!

### An easy guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principles



Homework should be handed in to the box that Ms Logue will leave by the front entrance. Please make sure that each piece of work is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Parents are welcome to visit the school on certain days; as soon as this can be confirmed teachers will be in touch with you via class dojo to let you know.

Sister Silvana, who visited the school yesterday on behalf of Caritas Westminster, will be working with Years 5 and 6 during the week. She very much enjoyed meeting the children and hearing all about the work we are doing with Four Walls and the other charities we support.

### Pope Francis Tweet

This week, thinking about social justice, let's learn to look at people and life through the eyes of love:

*If we practice seeing with the eyes of Jesus,  
we will always be able to recognise those who need our help.*



### Building Fund

Don't forget to make a regular donation to this fund, which is a vital source of funding for our school. As a voluntary aided school, we are obliged to find 10% of any capital project, over and above any capital funding we receive from the government. The school does not receive any additional funding from the Diocese and we are currently awaiting the outcome of a further bid we have submitted, in the hope of completing the final phase of our project, which will provide improved security at the main entrance and ground floor Reception / Office accommodation. Anything you give will be greatly appreciated. ParentPay is set up for all families for these donations.

You can also complete a Gift Aid Form, available from the school office, which will increase anything you give by 28 p in every £1.

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

With thanks and wishing you all a restful half-term break.

Kind regards,

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