

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

## Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 19 – Spring Term

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Spring Term has flown by and we are just one week away from our Easter break already. It has been a busy term for everyone, with visitors and events filling up the school calendar. This week has been no exception:

### SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS EVENT

The children very much enjoyed the visit from Peter Bakare (Olympic volleyball player) and his colleagues, who provided fun fitness activities on Tuesday afternoon. Our apologies to the Reception children, who missed out on their slot, due to a late start and lack of enough time. This was beyond our control but Miss Quirke is planning a further event in the Summer Term and has promised that Reception children will be given priority, to make up for the missed opportunity this time around.

Many of you have kindly sent in sponsorship donations. There is still time to donate either directly to the school with your child's sponsor form or, alternatively, you can set up a page for your child at:

<https://www.sportsforschools.org/event/wc201/>. Wristbands will be available to some children, depending upon the amount raised. Funds will go to Sports for Schools and may go towards providing sports equipment for St Joseph's. Thank you for your generosity.



### MOTHERS' DAY WORSHIP

Thank you to the staff and children in Early Years and KS1, who presented a beautiful Mothers' Day Worship today. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful songs and prayers and wish you all a blessed weekend with your families.



### PARENT PRAYER MEETING

Well done and thank you to our Guardian Archangels, who led some of our parents in a brief Worship yesterday morning.

### CHILDREN'S MISSIO APPEAL



We recently welcomed Father Philip who spoke to the children about the work of 'Missio' overseas. This Lent our appeal will be on behalf of this charity, which we have been asked to support via the Westminster Diocese. Before we break up we will be sending home red collection boxes with the children. Please use the holiday period as we journey towards Calvary with Jesus, to remember those less fortunate than ourselves and make some small sacrifice which will allow you to fill the boxes with your

donations. We look forward to receiving lots of change in the boxes when the children return to begin the Summer Term. Read about the work of Missio at: <https://missio.org.uk/> Missio is the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission, bringing the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor.

### RE HOMEWORK

Ms Logue has received some beautiful work from some of the children about St Joseph and his role in the Church. However, the total number of pieces of work received was a hugely disappointing 11 in all! Thank you to those who took the time and trouble to complete this work. With just one week to go before term ends, we will not be giving out a new task but will extend the deadline so that we expect to receive many more efforts before the end of term. Use this weekend wisely and we look forward to lots of lovely work flooding in on Monday!



## JUST ENOUGH WORKSHOPS

This week we welcomed a visitor from the organisation 'Just Enough', which teaches the children about social justice principles. Years 5 and 6 learned about modern day slavery



*These workshops use storytelling, comedy and multimedia to talk about the most serious of subjects. with so many victims of Modern Slavery now in the UK and around the world we know that it is up to the next generation to be able to make this change in society over generations to come. This workshop protects innocence whilst providing children with the knowledge to protect themselves and their communities from the risks of\* modern slavery. It makes them aware of this complex issue in a child-friendly way, whilst still inspiring them that 'one person can make a massive change'*

Years 3 and 4 concentrated on our stewardship of the earth, titled 'The Earth and Us.' This work links well with our work on the Pope's encyclical 'Laudate Si', where he talks about the importance of our 'Care for our common home.'

## CARITAS BAKHITA HOUSE THANK YOU

We have received a lovely card from the guests at Bakhita House, which was hand made by them for the children. It's so lovely to receive this personal thank you and this newsletter seemed to be the best way to share it with you all – please show it to the children! Here is what they wrote: *'Please give our thanks to everyone at the cake sale which raised £106.60 for Caritas Bakhita House. We have now supported 104 guests and had 8 babies at the house. Without support such as yours we would not be able to make the women's lives better or care for them as we do. Some of the guests made this card – when told about the children they thought it should be fun and colourful! Best wishes from the Guests and Staff at Bakhita House.'*



## BIG BATTERY HUNT



Boxes will be sent home with the children for you to use to recycle your used batteries. Think of the environment and the responsibility we have to look after our beautiful planet, entrusted to us by God. The school will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win: a 2-night class trip to the Sustainability Centre, 3 years' subscription to My Maths, £2,000 worth of school equipment vouchers, iPads and/or certificates and trophies. A container will arrive in school for children to place their full boxes of batteries within 5-6 weeks' time. Please start collecting your used batteries now! Thank you.

## EASTER GARDEN & EASTER BONNETS

Following feedback from parents and carers, we have decided to make a change to our Easter celebrations this year, taking a break from the long-standing egg-mobile event! Instead, we are asking children to make their own **Easter Garden**. Over the holiday, therefore, please support and help the children to think about the true meaning of Easter and new life in our Risen Lord, by creating their garden. Examples of items in the garden could be:

- A small plant or flower in a pot
- A cross decorated with ribbon or flowers
- Any kind of depiction or representation of New Life or the Resurrection
- A painted, hardboiled egg



We look forward to seeing the fruits of the children's labour and creativity – Easter egg prizes will be awarded for the best efforts received! Please bring in the gardens by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.**



## EASTER BONNET PARADE

This event will take place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. Parents and carers will be welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to admire the Easter Gardens and displays at the same time. (Time TBC)



## LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Don't forget that there are several opportunities to enrich your Lenten journey at the parishes of Corpus Christi and of St Anselm & St Caecilia. Details of Lent and Easter services for each parish are available on their websites at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/lincolnsinfields/> and <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/>. Some of our children, notably in Year 4, have been learning about the Stations of the Cross, an important Catholic devotion. Ask them to tell you what they have learned and pray the stations with them if you can!

## UNIFORM POLICY

A reminder, as the summer approaches, of our uniform policy, which has recently been reviewed by governors. Please ensure that summer footwear is suitable for school, in the right colours and not open for health and safety reasons.

## HEADLICE

We are aware of several cases of headlice in school. This is a perennial problem and can only be kept at bay by regular combing (with a special 'nit comb') of your children's hair, with conditioner. Please be ever vigilant of this unwelcome visitor and keep checking your children's hair, even if you think they are clear of the lice. It only takes one creature to slip through the net and the cycle repeats itself. Guidance is available from the school nurse or at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

As we continue on our Lenten journey, the Pope gives us this simple advice:

*"Where should we fix our gaze along the journey of Lent? On the Crucifix.  
Jesus on the Cross is the compass of life that points us to Heaven."*



## PARENT GOVERNOR

We have received just the one nomination for our parent governor vacancy, therefore there will be no election. We are pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Michelle Zini-Lopes on to our governing body. Thank you for offering to serve the school in this way.

## NSPCC Workshops re Online Safety & Parent Workshop – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April we will be welcoming visitors from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who will be teaching the children about how to stay safe online and elsewhere. The day will begin with a parent workshop from 9 to 10 am. We will need to promise a fundraising activity for them but we will let you know about this after the break.

On this same theme, we are attaching an E-Safety newsletter which parents and carers should find useful.

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Next week, i.e. w/e 5<sup>th</sup> April, there will be **NO CLUBS**, apart from the multi-sports club, which will run.

As the first half-term of the Summer Term is short, the next set of club memberships will run from w/c 29<sup>th</sup> April through to w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive. This means that there are no clubs during the first week back after Easter, but the same set of children will take their memberships through to the first week after the May half-term. The next set of children will therefore sign up for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June to w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July, making five sessions for each set of groups.

Available activities are detailed in the table below and we invite parents to sign up their children, via the office, before next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Miss Plivda will then confirm places via email before we break up next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We are grateful to those staff who have volunteered to run these clubs.



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	Multi-sports club- Reception and Year 1	15 places available
Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Lego Club – Rec, Y1, Y2 with Miss Duffield & Ms Defreitas	16 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

**ENERGY KIDZ** will still run the after-school provision on the last day of school.

**A reminder that term ends at 1.15 pm next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

Wishing you a blessed end to Lent and a joyful celebration of Easter in three weeks' time.

Kind regards,

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