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FRIDAY LETTER

1st March 2019

Ash Wednesday...

World Book Day...

Parents' Evenings...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11 am

**Catholic Social Teaching Theme
this half term:**

Solidarity



Saint Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a restful break. The children have had lots of fun this week finding out about their new topics and seeing all their friends again. As a school community, we are looking forward to continuing to improve all aspects of school life this half term. Thank you for your continued support.

World Book Day

A reminder about World Book Day-

The theme for the Reception pupils will be 'Cats', as they will be focussing on the story of 'Six Dinner Sid' by Inga Moore. The theme for the Year 1 and Year 2 pupils is Traditional Tales and the theme for the whole of Key Stage 2 is 'Fantasy Stories'.

Examples of costume Ideas

Reception-Cats

Year 1 and 2- Fairy tale princesses, the wolf, Jack (Jack and the Beanstalk), The Gingerbread Man, one of the three little pigs, there are lots of ideas!

Key Stage 2- Fantasy Stories- characters from Harry Potter, Fantastic Beasts, The Lion, the witch and the Wardrobe, The Hobbit, The Wizard of Oz, lot of Roald Dahl stories.

There will be no prizes awarded for costumes, it's just a little bit of fun for the children. Please don't spend a lot of money on an outfit for your child. If anyone is stuck for ideas, then please come and see a member of staff, we will be happy to help!

You should have all received a letter earlier this week about the visit from Sue Wilkins, award winning children's author. Any orders for signed books need to be sent to the office with payment by Tuesday 5th March.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, Father Martin Sylvester will be celebrating a Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes for the school community and parish. This will take place at 2pm in the hall, everyone is warmly welcome.

Reconciliation

Those children taking part in the Sacramental Programme will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 18th March, in St Mary Crowned church at 6pm.

Remember that there will be no session this Sunday, however it would be wonderful to see you all at Mass. Tina Coomber will be there to sign the attendance sheets.

Forest School

Reception and Year 3 pupils will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Fridays next half term. Mrs Kays will be sending out a letter next week to the Year 3 pupils, sharing more information about these sessions and the aims of Forest School.

★ **Crowned
as our
Star
Pupils
this week** ★

Reception	Everyone
Year 1	Jai
Year 2	Hayden
Year 3	Henry
Year 4	Archie
Year 5	Arlie
Year 6	James

*Awarded for learning from
mistakes.*

Parents' Evening

Letters for our upcoming Parents' Evenings have now been sent home. The Parents' Evenings will take place in the school hall on Monday 11th March 3.30pm- 5.30pm and Tuesday 12th March 4pm-6pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and look at their books. Look out for the returned slips with your allocated time.

Parent Council

A text message reminder has been sent out this week encouraging parents to join the Parent Council. If you are interested in supporting this initiative and helping to move the school forward, then please register your interest at the school office.

Important letters

Yesterday, your child received letters from Mrs Buller (Chair of Governors) and Mr Ackers outlining information from the Ofsted Executive Board Meeting and areas of improvement that have been focussed upon last half term. These letters were also posted on the school website on Friday 15th February.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Starting on Monday 10th June, the school will be holding a full week of celebrations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of St Mary's school on its' current site. The week will culminate in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney at 11am in school. All are welcome to join us at this Mass. More details will follow in regards to this celebratory week.

Like myself, I know that many of you are past pupils of this school, so if anyone has any memorabilia or photographs, then please could you provide them for us to use in a display. All items will be well looked after and returned after the event. We are really looking forward to working together and making this a memorable week for our community.

Year 5 Space Projects

At the end of last half term, the Year 5 pupils produced some amazing projects for their Earth and Space topic. The pupils confidently presented the projects to their class. Thank you to all the pupils and their families for putting in so much effort with this homework task.

PFA News

In the last newsletter we reported upon the great fun that the pupils had at the 'Have a Heart' disco. This event raised £100 for the school. The money raised will be used to buy some new basketball nets for the pupils. The PFA are also going to look at sponsorship for some new kit for St Mary's sports teams.

Birthday Treat

Reminder- as a treat, pupils can wear their own clothes on their birthday to celebrate their special day. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or during the school holidays, then they can wear their own clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after.

Whitehall Residential- 3rd July-5th July 2019

Thank you to all those who have sent in the £10 deposit for the Whitehall residential in July. The total cost of the trip is £155 fully inclusive. Payment cards have now been set up for each child and payments can be made towards the trip whenever you wish.

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for

11th February to 15th February

TARGET 97%

R 96.7%

Y1 94%

Y2 96.3%

Y3 94.2%

Y4 96.9%

Y5 94.8%

Y6 97.6%

Winners: Year 6- Well done!

Lent Term Diary

Monday 4th March

Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday Service with Fr

Martin - 2pm -All Welcome

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day- Visit from author
Sue Wilkins

Monday 11th March

Parents Evening- 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 11th March

CAFOD Assembly

(Lenten Charity appeal launch)

Tuesday 12th March

Parents Evening- 4pm- 6pm

Monday 18th March

St Philip Howard Taster session
(Year 5)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm

Thursday 21st March

Year 1 Assembly- 9am- Parents and

family members are welcome to

stay for tea and coffee afterwards

Wednesday 27th March

Yr 2 trip to Staircase House Museu

PFA Spring Fair- after school

Thursday 28th March

Year 5 Roman Visit in school

Monday 1st April

Open Morning - All welcome

Wednesday 3rd April

Chaplaincy Team- Stations of the

cross (am)- All welcome

Tuesday 9th April

Yr 4 Stockport Air Raid shelters trip

Wednesday 10th April

Year 3/4 Easter Story (Palm Sunday
and The Last Supper) (All welcome)

Thursday 11th April

Year 5/6 Easter Story (The Trial and
Crucifixion)- 2.45pm (All welcome)

Friday 12th April

Finish for Easter holidays- 3.15 pm