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FRIDAY LETTER

15th February 2019

Basketball Competition...

Museum of China...

Winning House- St Joseph's ...

Mass Times:

St Mary Crowned-Sunday 9.30 am

All Saints- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11 am

Catholic Social Teaching Theme this half term:

Option for the poor and vulnerable



Saint Ralph Sherwin

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a busy half term! The children have continued to enjoy their learning this half term and made wonderful progress. Thank you to all those parents and family members who attended the Half Term Honours assembly this morning to celebrate the achievements of our pupils, I promise you that it is not normally that long! During the assembly, our Year 5 pupils also displayed their musical talents with a fantastic violin recital. Lizzie said 'It's really fun to learn something new, especially an instrument which you could play in an orchestra when you are older!' Thank you to the pupils and all members of staff involved.

World Book Day

As a school, we are really looking forward to celebrating World Book day on Thursday 7th March. As English Subject Leader, Miss Etchells has chosen some really fun themes for the costumes this year. The theme will be the basis for the costume and the activities that the children will focus on during the day.

The theme for the Reception pupils will be 'Cats', as they will be focusing 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!

Sue Wilkins, a Derbyshire children's author will also be visiting school on the day. She will be sharing some of her books with Reception, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2. The pupils in Key Stage 2 will be given the opportunity to ask Sue questions about her stories and her experiences of being an author. A letter will be sent out after half term about the opportunity to buy copies of Sue's books (signed) and some cuddly toy characters.

Miss Etchells will be sending out a letter at the start of next half term with more information about the activities taking place during World Book Day.

Basketball Competition

Congratulations to our Basketball team who played in the finals against other High Peak schools on Wednesday. They played brilliantly and achieved third place and a Bronze medal. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for taking the children to the competition.

Half Term Honours

Brilliant Behaviour

Theo, Isabelle, Noah, Isabelle, Layla, Zeke and Sam R.

Awesome Attainment

Matilda, Max, Jack B, Emily G, Ethan, Ava D and Anthony.

Super Star

Lily, Jainaba, Spencer, Sophia D, Melissa, Bobby and Rita.

Perfect Progress

Neve, Oliver, Daniel, Jack, Jack C, Isabell W and Jake.

Faithful Follower

Alfie, Evie, Carter, Sam, Grace, Chelsea and Ruby.

The Museum of China

The Year 2 pupils completed their 'China' topic this week by displaying all of their projects in our class museum. The children worked hard creating posters for the museum and learning how to be museum curators. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 really enjoyed visiting the museum during the afternoon. Next half term, all the projects will be on display in the Key Stage 1 corridor, along with a display of the Year 1 learning focused on Chinese New Year. Please come along and have a look at the work of our talented pupils. On her trip to the museum, Zoe said 'I liked learning lots of facts about China from the Year 2 children.'

'Have a Heart' Disco

Thank you to the PFA and members of staff who helped at the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 discos on Wednesday. They were really successful events and we all had lots of fun and laughs, especially when watching the limbo!! Chelsea said that 'It was really good fun with the new DJ. I liked all the exciting games that he did!' The DJ Chris Mitchell commented on the positive behaviour and attitudes of all pupils. Well done everyone, we were all very proud of the children!

Forest Schools

The Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Forest school sessions on Friday afternoons this half term. Forest School sessions will continue with the Reception pupils next half term. Throughout the school year, there will also be the opportunity for other classes to take part in Forest Schools too. These plans will be shared with parents next half term.

OfSTED Executive Board Meeting

All children will bring home a letter tonight from Samantha Buller (Chair of Governors). This letter will provide information in regards to the items discussed at the OfSTED Executive Board Meeting and areas of improvement that the school are focusing on.

Birthday Treat!

From next half term onwards, 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. Those children who celebrate their birthday over the February half term break, can wear their own clothes on the first day back (Tuesday).

Winning House

The winning house for this half term was St Joseph's. Those pupils in St Joseph's can celebrate their win by wearing their own clothes on the first Friday back (Friday 1st March). On this day, it would be great if pupils could wear an element of clothing which displays their house colour, blue.

Looking ahead

Some important dates in the Pentecost Term to make a note of –

Class Photographs - Wednesday 8th May

Year 6 SATS - week commencing- Monday 13th May

Year 2 SATS - throughout May (date for a parents' meeting will follow)

Year 1 Phonics Screening - week commencing Monday 10th June (date for a parents' meeting will follow).

50th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney - 11 am Friday 14th June

Sports Day - Friday 21st June (All welcome)

PFA Summer Barbecue after school - Friday 28th June (All welcome)

Year 6 Transition Week St Philip Howard Catholic Academy - week beg Monday 1st July

Whitehall Residential- 3rd July - 5th July

PFA KS2 Summer Ball - Tuesday 16th July (more details to follow)

God bless, Mrs S. Rudd

Class Attendance for 4th February- 8th February

R	92%
Y1	94%
Y2	93%
Y3	97%
Y4	98%
Y5	95%
Y6	96%

Winners: Year 4- Well done!

Lent Term Diary

Monday 25th February

INSET day

Thursday 28th February

Governor Review Day

Monday 4th March

Governors Meeting

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word- time TBC

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)

Thursday 21st March

Year 1 Assembly- 9am- Parents and family members are welcome to stay for tea and coffee afterwards

Wednesday 27th March

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