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Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Is it only the first week back? We seemed to have squeezed in a lot!

Thank you for your kind donations today for CAFOD and Father Hudson's Homes. Don't forget each Friday during Lent, we will be wearing non uniform in exchange for £1 in cash that will be donated to these charities. To find our more, have a read on www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/who-we-are.htm and cafod.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do.

A request from Reception—if you have any toy cars, unused wigs, hats and glasses, please could they have them? Thanks.

World Book Day was the highlight of our week. We took the day to celebrate the joy of reading. Children joined together across the school to share stories, writing pieces for our school book, dress up as their favourite book characters and, of course, 'chill out and read'. Last week we told you that we would be having a special author, Daniel Thompson. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone, but we look forward to his visit in the summer term!





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The God who Speaks



This week in Gospel Liturgy, we reflected upon Lent—the meaning of Lent, our responsibilities during Lent and how we hope to move forward to **PRAY, GIVE, FAST** during this time.



Virtues Award

Infants

Juniors

Delia, Kaiden (2B)

Kamara (6G)

Virtues of the Half Term



Learned and Wise

What Learned and Wise children we have.

We are extremely proud of the plans they have made during Lent to find out how to use the knowledge they researched last half term to help those in need—the **'Poor and Vulnerable'**. They understand their responsibility to strive for **'The Common Good'** and are raring to go, ready to do so. Scroll down to remind yourselves of who they have chosen to help.



Right of the Week



UNITED KINGDOM

Article 42 (knowledge of rights)

Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

Ask your children about what they think are the rights of every human being? What is the difference between what we want and what we need?



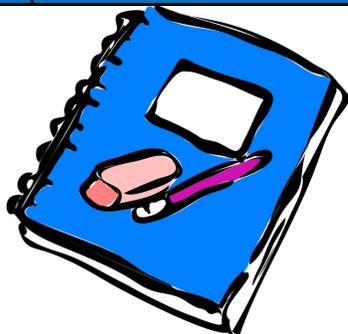


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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - see page below
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT	NON UNIFORM TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAFOD and FATHER HUDSON'S. CASH PAYMENTS PLEASE—£1 PER CHILD EACH WEEK
Tuesday 7th March	Reception and Year 6—Heights and Weights - rearranged to 14th March
Monday 13th March	Sublime Science Workshop -£2 charge on Parent Pay—PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY
Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March	Possible strike days—more detail to follow
Monday 20th March	10:30am—Year 3 charity cake sale for Teddy Rose Foundation. More detail to follow
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photos
Tuesday 21st March	Children's School Council Meeting
Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28th March	Music Ensemble Gala Performance—Birmingham Conservatoire—pm
Thursday 30th March	Year 3 and 4 disco—afternoon
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays

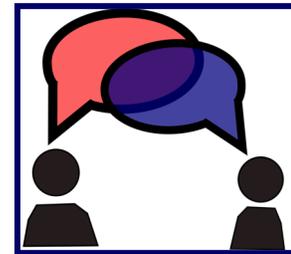


Advanced Notice

Reception and Nursery parents about the crucial area of Speech and Language Development and how our parents can support this at home.

Tuesday 28th March at 9am in the school hall.

Come along and find out more and have a cuppa and chat alongside.



A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 17th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023



Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RCT	Klara-Anne
RNM	Ayaan
1DG	Teheira
1M	Samantha
2B	Eesa
2G	Anayah
3M	Jennaye
3P	Jireh
4B	Harley-Jai
4P	Ayden
5P	Hadia
5W	Whole class/Vanessa
6G	Alessia
6W	Doniro
Wise Owl	Eliana (2B)
Music	Brass group
Sport	Mayumi (2G)
Lunchtime	Lewis (RCT), Kaiden (5P), Year 1

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone

Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award

KEEP WALKING!



Attendance—period 13th—17th Feb 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	95.7%
RNM	96.4%
1DG	91.9%
1M	91%
2B	93.9%
2G	92.1%
3M	96.2%
3P	85.2%
4B	95%
4P	95.2%
5P	86.7%
5W	92.8%
6G	87.7%
6W	95.2%

Whole school attendance for 13th—17th Feb was : 92.3%



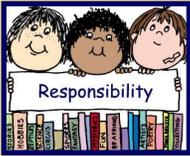
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Options for the Poor and Vulnerable, striving for The Common Good

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This half term, we are putting a focus on Options for The Poor and Vulnerable and striving for The Common Good.



We are invited by God to care for those who need the most help . In scriptures, Jesus is always spending time with those who are cared for the least. We follow his example to strive for the Common Good—we try to make life equitable for all.

Our children live our school Mission every single day—'We follow Christ's example to always do our best'.

During Lent, our children have chosen to 'do their best' to support those in need :

Year Group	Act of Service
N	Paintings to Birmingham Children's Hospital
R	Visit to Hodge Hill Care Home to spend time with the residents
1	St Chad's Sanctuary - Correspondence with the children to cheer them up in their new country. Visit of some children to take goods needed
2	Kingfisher Food Bank - Food Collection
3	Teddy Rose Foundation - donation of money for cuddle blankets.
4	Alison Cope - Anti Violence Campaigner - non uniform day 17th Feb Caflo Food Bank - Food collection and delivery
5	Raising money for SHELTER
6	Pantry Food Bank - donation of goods and visit to help the staff there in their work.

We have also signed up for the **CAFOD Big Walk**. This will entail Lots of extra walking challenges for our children over the course of the half term! Each class have decided to aim for a 'destination' with their work? Will they walk as far as Lands End? Rome? America?!

Each Friday during Lent will be a non-uniform day where we would please ask for each child to bring in £1 in CASH each week. Thank you.





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So what do our children want to tell you about their Lenten Acts of Service? Let's see...

- Nursery** We are sending paintings to where the children are in hospital to make them happy - Nursery children together.
- Reception** We are going to go and visit Hodge Hill Care home. We want to spend time with the people who live there.
- Year 1** We are going to make cards to take to St Chad's Sanctuary. We want to make the children who arrive into England smile.
- Year 2** 'The children in Year 2 are giving food to the Kingfisher Food Bank. The people who need the food can go there and they won't go hungry any more' - Alfie and Mehr Bano
- Year 3** During Lent, we will be supporting the Teddy Rose Foundation. The Teddy Rose Foundation is a Baby Loss Charity. We are raising money to buy as many cuddle blankets as possible. These cuddle blankets are donated to families and hospitals in the local area. They allow the parents to keep a memory of their child to treasure forever. To raise as much money as possible we will be holding two fundraising events. A cake sale on MONDAY 20TH MARCH - donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully received. A Y3/Y4 Disco on THURSDAY 30TH MARCH - £1 per entry. Sweets and drinks available to buy!
- Year 4** 'Caflo is a place where people go who don't have enough money to buy food for their family. At Caflo they get food for free. The food comes from people who donate the food to the charity. For Lent, Year 4 want to donate food to the charity to help those people and their family have enough food to eat.' - Sam
- Year 5** 'We are raising money for Shelter because we learnt about the homeless during an R.E lesson. Mary and Joseph could not stay in the inn because there was no room so they were given a stable. We watched videos of people who were homeless and we want to help them. We are going to try and raise money by having a non uniform day, make bracelets, have a cake sale and by having a lemonade stand' —Mayla
- Year 6** We are helping the Pantry as our Lenten Act of Service and we are looking forward to helping our local community, to see the great work that they do and how they support those people who need help particularly at the moment.



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Student Ambassadors

What **AMAZING** leaders—walking examples of Gospel teachings—“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

EACH WEEK, OUR PUPIL LEADERS WILL SEND YOU SHORT MESSAGES HERE...

House Captains

We are busy thinking about our next school competition. We are hoping to run some Easter activities.



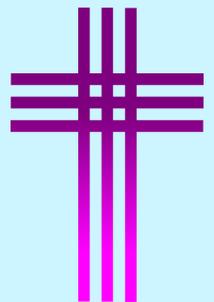
School Council



We had a successful World Book Day. We sold lots of book and we had fun reading with the younger children. Every class was given a new book as a gift. We are also starting to think about how our Book Nook will be used and how we can build another one, so that we have two.

Faith Team

We have set up the school for Lent—purple everywhere! Next week, we are going to be asking classes to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross, which have been displayed around school.



Stewards of Creation



We are going to make our little part of God's world even more tidy! We are going to place little pebbles along the main path into school during our playtimes.





Reading

HOME READERS!

As you know, we have been revamping our phonics programme and reading scheme.

We are working very busily behind the scenes to ensure that the books your children bring home are correct for their capability.

Please be patient with us.

In the meantime, please keep encouraging your children to read for pleasure at home.



BOOK NOOK!

A while ago a Book Nook popped up at school and this week it has had its first visitors! It is ever evolving, but it offers a quiet space for children to come and read in comfort!





Extra Messages

ATTENDANCE

Next week, we will start our **ATTENDANCE REWARD COMPETITION!**

In Celebration Assembly , on Friday

- ◇ The child in each class with the best attendance that week will win a chance to be chosen in the end of term lucky dip for a **STAR PRIZE!** If there is more than one child with the best attendance...they will all win a chance in the lucky dip! **NEXT WEEK WE WILL REVEAL THE GRAND END OF 1/2 TERM PRIZE!**
- ◇ Each class with the best attendance that week will receive an extra play to enjoy a class game
- ◇ At the end of the 1/2 term, the class with the overall best attendance will get a **SPIN ON THE WHEEL** to win a **GRAND CLASS REWARD!**

We are VERY EXCITED about our new competition.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance and feel that we can help in any way, please get in touch with Mrs Whittingham, Mrs Cropper or Miss Stephens.

You've got to be IN IT TO WIN IT!



Phew! What a busy week! Have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff

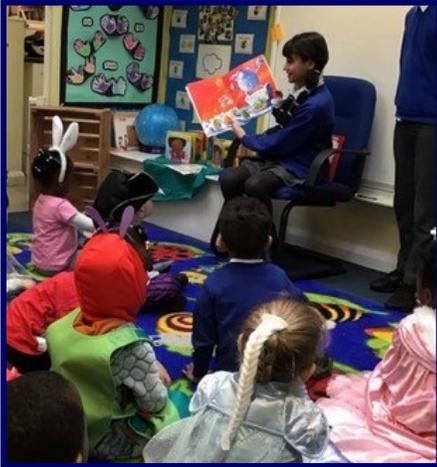




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