

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 11/3/24

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life.” John 3: 14-21 (4th Sunday of Lent)

Well done to St Nicholas' class who had the best attendance last week - John Bear will be spending this week in their classroom!!

As we enter the fourth week of Lent, we are thinking about the word “**Choices**.” God loves us and sent Jesus to help us make good and wise **choices**. Good **choices** are not always easy to make. God is always with us to help us make the right **choices**. Whenever we have difficult or important **choices** to make, we can ask ourselves “What would Jesus do?” – and then try to do the same ourselves. Even if we make the wrong **choice**, God our Father is always ready to forgive us and to help us start again.

We are also thinking about our school value **Self-Control** - Stop and think before you do something, is this the best choice for me?

This Sunday's Gospel, reminds us that our daily lives are full of choices between good and bad – between light and dark. As Easter gets nearer, how can we “live in the light” – to make sure that we choose to do the right thing?

In the words of Pope Francis “Dear young people, do not be afraid of making the right choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will always be with you! His light is always inside us and gives us joy and hope. When people see light, they can make the world a better place.”

A reminder about our special Fundraising Weeks are continuing with F2 and Pre School this week - The first will be a cake sale on Wednesday 13th and the second is a PJ Party on Friday 15th. ALL children can bring in 50p to buy a cake this Wednesday – what a treat!!

Well done to all our Year 1 children who took part in their sponsored sing last week!

Tickets for the Easter Sing-A-Long Afternoons: Don't forget our Easter Sing-a-Long afternoons are taking place next week - tickets are on sale at the school office from today, - £2 a ticket

This week:

W/b **Monday 11th March** – F2 & Pre School Lenten Fundraising Week

Tuesday 12th March – Year 2 Trip to Liverpool Cathedral

Tuesday 12th March – Year 1 Trip to the Cinema

Wednesday 13th March – Cake Sale: ALL children can bring in 50p donation to buy a cake!

Friday 15th March - Own Clothes Day for ALL children – Raffle Prizes for Easter Raffles - to help spread this across the year, we will be asking one year group for donations each term. Please could we ask Year 1 children this term to bring in prizes: St Andrew's class- bottles of wine/alcohol and St Bernadette's class – Boxes/tubs of chocolates/ biscuits. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Monday 18th March & Friday 22nd March - Y1/2 Easter Sing-a-Long Afternoons (Tickets are on sale at the school office)

Wednesday 20th March - St Bernadette's (Mrs Webster) Assembly (Catholic Social Teaching) 9.00am (only 2 per family please)

Tuesday 19th March & Thursday 21st March - F2 & Pre School Sing-a-Long Afternoons

Sunday 24th March – PALM SUNDAY

Monday 25th March – HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 26th March – Mass for YEAR 1 & YEAR 3 at St John's Church (9am) - The children will need to be dropped off at church that morning. All parents/ families are welcome to join us for Mass. If any parents can help walk the children back to school after Mass, we would be very grateful. Thank you

Tuesday 26th March - F2 and Pre School Holy Week Reflections are taking place on this afternoon at 2.30pm, so don't forget to come along and join in with your children. St Teresa (Miss Sharkey) and St Valentine (Pre School) will take place in their own classrooms, so just come round to their classroom doors. St Francis (Mrs Moseley) will take place in the hall so please come in through the main entrance. The children will be delighted to have you join in with them.

Thursday 28th March – Finish for Easter Holiday

Have a great week

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