

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 27/2/24

“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him” Gospel of Mark 9: 2-10 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Welcome back after half term and I hope you all had a lovely break. This is a short but busy half term up to Easter! As I let you know yesterday, we are waiting for the playground to be completed - hopefully in the next couple of days!! I will keep you informed.

Well done to St David's (Miss Owen) class who had the best attendance last week - 99%. John Bear will be spending this week in their classroom!!

Congratulations also to St Bernadette's (Mrs Webster) class for the best Half Term attendance – they will be having the special trophy to keep in their classroom up to Easter. As a reward the children in Mrs Webster's class can come into school in their own clothes this Friday – Well Done!!

This **Friday. 1st March**, we also celebrate the feast day of St David, which is one of our Year 2 class saints. To celebrate this day Miss Owen's class can wear their own clothes this Friday and they will have a special treat in the afternoon to celebrate!

Wet Playtimes: During wet playtimes/dinnertimes the children remain in their classrooms and we are conscious that this can be for quite a long on some days. Although we do have classroom toys/activities for the children to access we ask the children to bring in something simple from home to play with as well to make these times more interesting. We would suggest a colouring /drawing book, simple games or small toys that can be kept in their drawers.

This is the second Sunday of Lent and this week we are thinking about the word “**Encouragement.**”

We are thinking about our school value **Goodness** ~ To be good towards others, to make the right choices and live the way Jesus tells us to.

In the words of Pope Francis “With God, we can do great things. Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us”

In the Gospel reading, Jesus encourages His Disciples to spread the Good News. When we listen to and follow Jesus, our lives are transformed. We grow in faith and love and we are filled with words of **encouragement**. **Seeing Elijah and Moses and hearing his Father's voice from heaven would have encouraged** Jesus to continue his mission – to spread the good news.

Just like Jesus and the Disciples, we all need **encouragement**. Think about a way to **encourage** someone during this Lenten season.

Perhaps we can:

- Offer words of support.
- Give someone a helping hand if they are struggling
- Let someone know they are doing something well.
- Encouraging each other to keep our Lenten promises.

A reminder about our special Fundraising Weeks: Week beginning 26th February- Year 2, Week beginning 4th March - Year 1, Week beginning 11th March - F2 and Pre School

This week:

Tuesday 27th February & Wednesday 28th February - Parents' Evenings (3.30pm – 6.00pm): Please make sure you have booked an appointment. Sign-up sheets for appointment times are outside the classrooms

Our new Mental Health Practitioner representative, Liane McAllister will also be available during Parents' Evening if parents require any advice, support or have a chat to, between 3.30pm and 5pm.

w/b **Monday 27th February** - Year 2 Lenten Fundraising Week (look out for more information being sent out today)

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Friday 1st March – St David's Day

W/b **Monday 4th March** - Year 1 Lenten Fundraising Week

Tuesday 5th March – Year 1 Animal Workshop (more details to follow today)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day. We will be celebrating World Book Day with the children and look forward to seeing everyone dressed up in their favourite storybook character on the day. Don't forget to bring the book which your character is from as well!

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

Tuesday 12th March – Year 2 Trip to Liverpool Cathedral (more details to follow today)

Tuesday 12th March – Year 1 Trip to the Cinema (more details to follow today)

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.

Have a great week

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