

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 4/3/24

“Take all this out of here and stop turning my father’s house into a market.” John 2: 13-25 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

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

This is the **third Sunday of Lent** and this week we are thinking about the word **“Enthusiasm”**. As we become to be more aware of God’s presence in our lives, we become happier and more filled with energy and **enthusiasm**. God wants us to pray; to ask him to fill us with **enthusiasm** for the right, good and lasting things in life. We can always be sure that, when we do our best, God will do the rest.

In the words of Pope Francis “Dear young people, may you always live the faith with enthusiasm.”

We are also thinking about our school value **Joy** ~ Show pleasure and happiness towards God and one another.

In the Gospel reading, we hear about how people were more interested in money than God and were selling things in God’s house. Jesus was a very **enthusiastic** person. He was passionate for people to worship God in a true and proper way. He saw that many had become so interested in money that they were losing respect for God and for God’s ways.

Lent is the time to grow in our enthusiasm for God. Let us all think about how we can become more aware of God’s presence in our lives this **Lent**

A reminder about our special Fundraising Weeks are continuing with Year 1 this week with a sponsored sing! Well done to all our Year 2 children who took part in their amazing sponsored silence last week!

This week:

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

Tuesday 5th March – Year 1 Animal Workshop in school

Wednesday 6th March – A representative from CAFOD will be coming into school today to work with the children across all the year groups as well as taking a whole school assembly.

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!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

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

Please let your class teacher know if you can help on either of these trips – thank you

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.

Monday 18th March & Friday 22nd March - Y1/2 Easter Sing-a-Long Afternoons (Tickets will be on sale next week)

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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