

TUESDAY NEWS

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<u>Catholic Life and Collective Worship</u>

Yesterday in worship, we explored John's Gospel reading about the time the people turned Jesus' temple into a market place. We noticed how angry Jesus was as he was unable to listen to God and pray to him. Jesus loves us and wants to speak to us and listen to us. We prepare for Lent by finding a quiet time or place and speak to Jesus without distractions.





Our theme this year throughout Lent is:

We Walk With Christ to the Cross



Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday at 8:30am, we will visit two or three of the Stations of the Cross in the small hall. This is just 10 minutes before the start of the school day for children, parents and staff to come together in prayer and reflection as we prepare for Holy Week. It would be lovely to see you all there.

Our Mini Vinnies have been working hard to organise some weekly fundraising events to support the annual Good Shepherd Appeal in aid of Catholic Care, which Bishop Marcus asks us to support. The donations which Catholic Care receives through the Good Shepherd Appeal are vital to enabling the Charity to respond to the ever-increasing needs of our neighbours living in our own communities. Fundraising will take place each Friday as follows:



Friday 8th March - Spring Cafe after school - <u>donations of cakes</u> <u>and buns will be gratefully received</u>

Friday 15th March - Wacky hair day/wear purple to school day - £1 Friday 22nd March - Easter bonnet competition - £1 to enter



Thank you to everyone who supported the Name the Easter Bunny competition, which made £60. The winner was Darcie in Y2, who guessed the correct name of 'Shine'. Well done!

PLEASE NOTE: DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA PARENTPAY UNDER 'Lenten Fundraising'. Many thanks.

On Wednesday, 27th March (our last day of term), children in Y4 will lead a whole school full Stations of the Cross in the large hall. Our Children's Choir will lead the singing and everyone is invited to attend.

Well done and thank you to our chaplains for leading a beautiful worship in KS1 all about the importance of prayer as 'we walk with Christ to the cross' this Lent.

LAST WEEK IN SCHOOL...



COMING UP SOON...

Wednesday, 6th March
Y4 Come Dine With Me – sign up is available via
the Arbor app

<u>Thursday 7th March,</u> PFA School Discos - more info below....

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story or dressed as their favourite BOOK (not film) character, again bringing a copy of that book with them to share with the rest of their class.



Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God



CONGRATULATIONS to Maisy in Y5 for receiving Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award for being a real joy! Maisy is everything a St Francis child should be – she works hard and sets a great example to others. She has particularly shone recently in her role as Reading Ambassador. Well done Maisy!



CONGRATULATIONS to Jensen in Y1 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for consistently trying his best in Guided Reading and becoming confident i sharing his views and thoughts. Jensen always applies his phonics knowledge and enjoys taking part in phonics.

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week

FS1: Joel

FS2: Katelyn

Y1: Alice

Y2: Jonah

y3: Maisie

y4: Eliza

45: Daniel

96: Isaac & Imogen



NOTICES







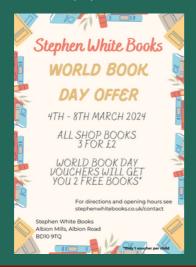


Back by popular demand! The PFA will be running more of their ever-popular school discos. on Thursday 7th March.

FS2/KS1: 4:45pm-5:45pm

KS2:6pm-7pm

Tickets cost £5 and include sweets, crisps, drink and a glow stick. Please order and pay for tickets on Parent Pay.





Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday	6th March	11:30-12:30pm	Y4	Come Dine With Me
Thursday	7th March	N/A	All	World Book Day
Friday	8th March	3pm - 3:45pm	All	Mini Vinnies' Spring Cafe fundraiser
Friday	15th March	N/A	All	Wacky hair/dress in purple fundraiser
Monday	18th March	3:30-5:30pm	All (except Y5)	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday	19th March	1pm-7pm	Y5	Y5 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday	20th March	11:30-12:30pm	Y6	Come Dine With Me
Thursday	21st March	3:30-7:30pm	All (except Y5)	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday	22nd March	N/A	All	Easter Bonnet competition
Wednesday	27th March	9am	Y4 and whole school	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	27th March	N/A	All	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday	8th April	N/A	All	School reopens

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on Monday 18th March from 3:30–5:30pm and Thursday 21st March from 3:30–7:30pm. As always, there will be opportunity for you to look through your child's books before having a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Bookings will open tonight at 7pm and will close on Friday 15th March at 2pm with the exception of Y5 bookings which will close on Monday 18th March at 2pm.

Water Bottles

It is important that every child brings a bottle of water into school every day to keep them hydrated.

However, please do not allow your child to bring in a large 'stanley' bottle (pictured below) into school as these are too big and heavy to sit on their desk. Many thanks for your support.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs George, one of our Teaching Assistants. Mrs George has started her phased return after a prolonged period of illness and will be working in Y1. We are delighted that she is well again and back as part of the St Francis team.

Mrs Zulfiqar, one of our KS1 Teaching Assistants is leaving us this Friday to take up a post which will fit in better with her young family. We thank Mrs Zulfiqar for all her hard work over the time she has been at St Francis and wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THEIR SPECIAL GIFTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...



