



OUR NEWS 11/01/19

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"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"

Dates for your diary

Please see the 18/19 and 19/20 holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

2018/2019

School opens for Spring Term	Tues 8th Jan 2019
Spring Half Term	18th - 22nd February
Ash Wednesday mass	6th March—in church
Parent's Evenings	12th & 13th March (3.30 - 5.30)
Easter holidays	15th - 26th April
Summer Half Term	27th - 31st May
Parent's Evenings	25th & 26th June

Birthday Congratulations

A huge "Happy Birthday," goes to everyone who had Birthday celebrations during the holidays.

Emi-Rue (Yr1)
Kian (Yr6)
Ivy (Yr3)
Alfie (Yr1)
Jamie (Yr6)
Amelia (Yr2)
Jace-James (Yr3)
Jamie (Rec)
Mac (Rec)



We are a Nut Free School. This includes Nutella spread and any spread with nuts in it.

Epiphany

This week we celebrated and explored the Feast of the Epiphany. We talked about how the Magi travelled far and had great faith that the small baby they sought was a gift to the world and would save us all.

Starting this new term we give thanks for all of our children, knowing that they are a cherished gift from God. We look forward to teaching them and seeing them grow in faith and knowledge. We look forward to doing this in partnership with all of our parents.

Happy New Year.

School Nurse

We have been informed that there will be a change to the nurse drop-in sessions as of next week.

To make her visits more efficient, Rhona has asked that parents make appointments to see her to avoid her coming to schools where she is not needed.

Therefore can we ask that should you wish to see her that you let Miss Priest in the office know? This could be done by dropping in or emailing us at the address above. Rhona will accept appointments up until and including the morning of her visit. She will contact our office at Lunch time on the day of her visit and if there are no appointments she will not attend.

Future visit days are **2.15pm** on:

Monday 14th January
Monday 11th February
Monday 18th March
Monday 8th April

Routes to Resilience

Last term I told you all about a new initiative we would be taking part in. This is a programme where we think very carefully about the language we use with our children throughout all aspects of school life that relates to their character. We will be exposing them to a lot of new vocabulary focusing on our ability to try hard and succeed. Where we don't exceed straight away, how to cope with set back.

You may hear your children use these words and phrases at home. If you do, please get them to explain them.

In each of my future newsletters I will also set a "Character Challenge," where I will target the character for the fortnight and ask you to tell us (through home school partnership books) when your child has shown this positive characteristic.

Therefore, the characteristic we have chosen for the following fortnight is:

PERSEVERANCE

(persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success)

Snow alerts

At this time of the year we are always vigilant when it comes to the weather. When snow is imminent we do our best to inform parents of any closure as far in advance as we can. It is always very difficult to make the decision to close as we know how much it affects working families. However, we will always make our decision based on the safety of our children and staff. Therefore, where the roads around school and the Whitwick area, are unsafe, we will close the school. A number of our staff travel a distance to school. We will alert you by text message and we will put information on our website if we can. Please ensure therefore that we have your most up to date contact information and where snow is forecast, keep an eye on your phone.

Thank You.

Reminders

All long hair is to be tied back (both boys and girls) so as to avoid accidents and the chances of catching head lice. Please also ensure that your child's ParentPay account is in credit. Thank You.

**ADDITIONAL REMINDER
CLUBS ARE BACK TO NORMAL NEXT WEEK,
WEEK BEGINNING 14TH JANUARY.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2019 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s), This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH—COMMUNITY

Early Ys - CELEBRATING - People celebrate in church
Year 1 - SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the Parish family
Year 2 - BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3 - JOURNEYS - Christian families journey with Christ
Year 4 - COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5 - MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese
Year 6 - SOURCES - The bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

Early Ys - GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1 - MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2 - THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3 - LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4 - GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5 - MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6 - UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Ys - GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1 - CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2 - OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3 - GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4 - SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5 - SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6 - DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.