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PRAYER

Lord,

We come before you as we are. We ask you to take away from us all that makes us less than human. Strengthen us with the power of your spirit that our attitude and outlook may develop and our "way of looking" may become more like yours.

Help us to remain positive – encouraging and appreciating one another, looking upon people in the same way that you do.

Amen



Liturgical Celebrations



Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day Mass 10.00am
Thursday 2nd April – 9.30am
Infant Holy Week Liturgies in the school hall / 10.15am
Junior Holy Week Liturgies in the Church

A Look Ahead.....

Coronavirus: Latest update from the **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline.**

Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

We know that many parents/carers will be concerned by the continuous updates in the media about the coronavirus. As a school we are following the guidance provided by National Health England and are keeping up to date with current information. It is important that we continue to work together and not to panic.

Please encourage your children to:

- Always carry tissues with them and use them to catch their cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

Most classes have sanitiser gel but we have had to place an order on line to get more as all the shops have run out. However, we are also ensuring that all children wash their hands regularly with soap and water.



WORLD BOOK DAY: A reminder that Thursday is book character day. Please encourage your child to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We also invite parents into school on this day for a 'Read to your child' session (9am-9.30 EYFS/KS1 and 2:45pm-3:15 KS2). We will provide a range of books for you to choose from.

There will also be a competition 'EXTREME READING' where children are encouraged to read their books in an unusual place and have their photo taken by a parent (remember to be safe and sensible). Please send in any photos by the end of Book Week. For more information, check out the following website for further information on World Book Day: <https://www.worldbookday.com/about/>

LENTEN PROMISE: This lent we will be supporting CAFOD. On Friday 3rd April we will be having own clothes day. Children are asked to give a donation to CAFOD on that day. This might be money they have saved from not eating sweets for a week or a week's pocket money, received from doing extra chores.

This way children will begin to see the link between their Lenten Promise and helping others.

SPORTS NEWS: The week before half term was an excellent week in competitive sport. The boys played their final league match in the **Peal Shield Football**. Julian wrote: We played in an exciting match against Edward Betham this week.

Unfortunately we were 5-1 down after the first half but we regrouped in the break and told ourselves that we could pull this match back goal by goal. 4 more goals , then 3, then 2 . The last 30 seconds of the match came very fast. We had a throw in that got into the penalty box so we knew that we had a chance to score, and we did! 5-5 was the final score. We shook hands with our opponents and were filled with joy that we had drawn the match in the last second.

We also played our final league match in **Peal Shield Hi5 Netball** against Holy Family and scored a 14-3 victory . Everyone played really well together and on this occasion Shyra was given Player of the Match.

We await the quarter final draw for both sports.

A Y4 team of girls competed in a Futsal competition. It is similar to football but with a heavier ball to promote foot skills. The girls played several mini matches and developed both football skills and good teamwork. They really enjoyed the trip.



45 pupils joined in the inaugural Paralympic Sports Festival at Cardinal Wiseman, trying out seated volleyball, badminton, new age Kurling and paired walking. As usual our pupils were enthusiastic learners and thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. We were again joined by former pupils now undertaking Young Leader training. We are holding our 2012 London Olympics banner signed by Alastair Brownlee.

SCIENCE DAY: On Friday 13th March we will be holding a Science day. More details will be in next week's newsletter.

Online-Safety:

This includes the materials and films children are watching. More and more children are talking about scary films that they have seen that are rated 15 +.

These films are easily accessible on Amazon Prime and Netflix.

Talk to your children about what they should be watching and keep TVs and computers in common areas of your home where you can see what they are watching.

Add parental controls to your TV.



Diary Dates

March

Tuesday 3rd – Year 3 London Wetlands Centre trip
Thursday 5th – World Book Day
 Thursday 5th – 9.00am-9.30am EYFS/KS1 Read to your child / 2.45pm-3.15pm Read to your child
Monday 16th – Year 5 Tower of London trip
Thursday 19th – 9.15am Year 3 & 4 Recorder Concert
Friday 27th – Year 1 Kew Gardens trip

April

Thursday 2nd – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery
Friday 3rd – Last day of term for Morning Nursery & Main School – school closes at 1.30pm

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: All class assemblies will start at 2.40pm.

Wednesday 4th March – Butterflies
Monday 9th March – 3W
Wednesday 11th March – 1B
Monday 16th March – 4O
Monday 23rd March – 3D
Wednesday 25th March – Bumblebees
Monday 30th March – 5A

ACHIEVEMENTS PAGE

ATTENDANCE: As you may know, there is a direct correlation between attendance at school and academic achievement. We noted that all the children who got a certificate last term for attendance are also those children who achieve the highest standard. Make a difference to your child's achievement by increasing their attendance.

Our attendance target this year is 97%.

Please see the table below for class attendance for the week of 3rd to 7th February. Congratulations to 5A and 6C for 99.3% attendance.

FS1A	92.8%
FS1B	83.6%
BUTTERFLIES	88.3%
BUMBLEBEES	96.0%
1G	97.3%
1B	92.6%
2C	96.3%
2V	92.3%
3D	87.2%
3W	97.5%
4W	94.3%
4O	95.3%
5A	99.3%
5Y	87.0%
6C	94.6%
6P	95.0%

PRAISE CERTIFICATES: Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few.

Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate last week.

Julia and Angel – FS2F
Mariam and Kezia – FS2G
Kaja and Charlie – 1B
Isaac and Darcy – 1G
Zofia, Oliver and Alexis– 2C
Whole Class – 2V
Adrianna and Sion – 3D
Arianna and Victor – 3W
Antonina and Olaf – 4O
Audrey and Dominik – 4W
Sophia and Szymon – 5A
Sesina and Alex – 5Y
Thinoshan and Alex – 6C
Izabela and Max – 6P

CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance Respect and following school rules.

This half term the citizenship award is being given to those children who listen to and respect other people's points of view, are fair in their play and interactions with others and who are supportive and helpful to all those they encounter each day. This is our BRITISH VALUE **DEMOCRACY** which links to our GOSPEL VALUES of **RESPECT AND FAIRNESS**.

Lucas – FS2F
Leon – FS2G
Caileigh – 1B
Alexander – 1G
Isabelle – 2C
Lena – 2V
Mason – 3D
Andrew – 3W
Hanna – 4O
– 4W
Natalia – 5A
Hanna – 5Y
Chris – 6C
Thajinsiya – 6P