



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

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## Ash Wednesday

Next week marks the beginning of Lent. We will be attending Mass at church on Wednesday morning at 9:15 where everyone will receive an ash cross on their forehead. Ashes are a way for people to be humble before God and show that they were willing to make a big change in their lives and to turn our hearts toward God. Lent is a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. Do please try to join us.



## School lunches

There are some changes to the lunch menu next week:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> will be roast dinner with pancakes for pudding as it is also Shrove Tuesday.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> meat will not be offered as Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence.

There will be vegetable bolognese, pasta with tomato sauce or vegetable rice.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> is World Book Day and lunch will be beef burgers with vegetarian option

## Uniform reminders

A few reminders about uniform items:

Children are allowed to wear watches but these should be simple analogue or digital watches and not 'smart' watches of any kind (including Fitbits).

Hair should be tied up if it is long with small red/black/white accessories, no shaved patterns are permitted.

Children should wear shoes and not boots (although children are allowed to come to school in boots they must change when they get to school).

## Maths Day

We are marking World Maths Day on Tuesday next week (although it actually falls on Wednesday). Each class will be doing a range of special maths activities on this day.

## Quiz

Congratulations to our General Knowledge Team who entered a competition with the other schools within the Catholic Umbrella Trust.

They came second out of 13 teams—very well done to Nana, Saphir, Jayheim and Salem!



## Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked so hard this week and had great behaviour:

Reception: Emike & Reon

Year 1: Mitchell & Daniel

Year 2: Joseph & Chibuikem

Year 3: Emilie-Anne & Jayden N

Year 4: Angel & Danzy

Year 5: Aaron, Abigail & Christiana

Year 6: Kemari & Wandile



### **Dates for your diary**

7<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am—Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition—parents welcome  
12<sup>th</sup> March—Parents evening  
14<sup>th</sup> March—Parents' evening  
27<sup>th</sup> March—Wear a hat to school day (and donate £1)to the Brain Tumour charity  
28<sup>th</sup> March—Yr4 Music Concert—parents welcome  
4<sup>th</sup> April—Stations of the Cross—parents welcome  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1:15—School closes for Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> April—Inset day  
24<sup>th</sup> April—School opens to pupils  
6<sup>th</sup> May—May Bank Holiday (School closed)  
23<sup>rd</sup> May—Sports morning—parents welcome  
24<sup>th</sup> May—May procession—parents welcome  
24<sup>th</sup> May—School closes for half term  
3<sup>rd</sup> June—School opens to pupils  
5<sup>th</sup> June—Production of The Railway Children for Reception to Yr 6  
19<sup>th</sup> June 9:00—Welcome meeting for all parents of children starting Reception in September  
19<sup>th</sup> June 9:00—Welcome meeting for all parents of children starting Nursery in September  
20<sup>th</sup> June—Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 Poetry Competition —parents welcome  
26<sup>th</sup> June (time tbc)—Prize Giving—parents welcome  
4<sup>th</sup> July—KS1 Catholic Sports at St Thomas Becket  
9<sup>th</sup> July—Yr 6 performance—parents welcome  
8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July—Transition days for Nursery  
11<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July—Transition days for Reception –Yr5  
12<sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm—Yr 6 Prom  
22<sup>nd</sup> July—Leavers Mass—parents welcome  
23<sup>rd</sup> July—Leavers Assembly—parents welcome  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 1.15pm—School closes for the summer holiday

Please make a note of these dates and times so you are able to attend

### **Loud and Proud**

Jemima and Toyosi took part in a public speaking competition this morning where they had to present a speech to around 50 people including our local MP, Sarah Jones. Jemima's speech was on "What is more important, taking part or winning?" and Toyosi spoke about "How would you manage without plastic?"

They did extremely well and were congratulated by several people on their confidence, presentation and impressive vocabulary, well done.

### **Some of the new words we been learning this week**

Year 1: centimetres

Year 2: astonishing

Year 3: obstinate

Year 4: concluding

Year 5: democracy

Year 6: reputable

### **Mobile phones**

A polite reminder that parents are not permitted to use mobiles on the school premises where there may be children — this includes the playground and corridors as well as the classrooms.

Remember: not in sight on site!



## Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	Day	Date
<b>Inset Day 1</b>	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019
<b>School Open to Pupils</b>	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
<b>School Closes (Half Term)</b>	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>School Open to pupils</b>	Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Inset Day 2</b>	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>School Closes (Christmas)</b>	Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 1.15pm

Spring Term	Day	Date
<b>Inset Day 3</b>	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>School Open to Pupils</b>	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>School Closes (Half Term)</b>	Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>Inset Day 4</b>	Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>School Open to pupils</b>	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>School Closes (Easter)</b>	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 1.15pm

Summer Term	Day	Date
<b>Inset Day 5</b>	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>School Opens to Pupils</b>	Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
<b>May Bank Holiday</b>	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>School Closes (Half Term)</b>	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
<b>School Open to pupils</b>	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>School Closes (Summer)</b>	Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 1.15pm

## Raffle

We have two footballs, signed by Aaron Wan Bissaka which will be raffled in school. Tickets are £1 each and the money raised will be used to buy more sports kits and equipment.



Raffle tickets will be brought around each class next week.



## Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends on the day a new month opens – March 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of St. David – the patron saint of Wales.

After not too harsh a winter, we move ever closer to Spring.

The word LENT is an old-English word meaning SPRING.

Wednesday of next week is Ash Wednesday, the opening day of the 40 –day season of Lent.

School and parish join together for morning Mass in church on that day.

We will accept ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our humility towards God.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 11.02.19

100% attendance: no class

100% punctuality: Y5 and Y6

Overall attendance: 97.4%

Well done and keep it up!



*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Day*