

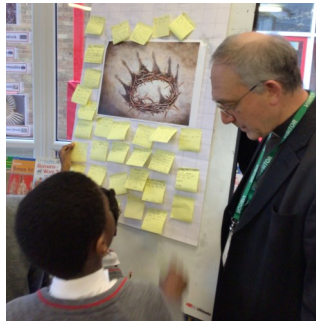


Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Lenten Day of Reflection

The children had a wonderful day on Wednesday thinking about Lent. We were lucky to have not only Fr Con join us, but also Canon Gerard Bradley.



The children made their Lenten Promises, looked at Scripture, reflected on the Stations of the Cross and discussed one aspect of Catholic Social Teaching.



In addition, all the children made a pretzel as this was first invented as a way of reminding children to pray.



Reading at Home

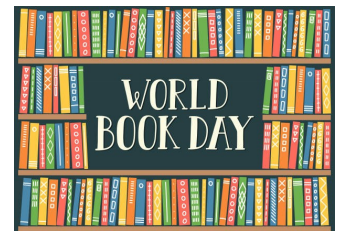
Reading at home every day for 20 minutes improves children's general knowledge and improves their communication skills. But did you know that it also reduces stress levels?

Have a look at the attached poster '20 in Plenty' for other benefits.

Book Day

We will be holding our annual Book Day on Wednesday 6th March (not Tuesday 5th March as stated on the date list issued in September as it now clashes with the Infant Choir's rehearsal at the Fairfield Halls).

It is less than 2 weeks' time so please start thinking about the book character your child will come to school dressed as on Wednesday 6th.



Instagram

I subscribe to a weekly safeguarding update and some important safety information has been shared this week.

For those of you with children over 13 years of age who use Instagram, this information will be relevant.

Privacy is optional on Instagram and as it encourages people to post about their personal life, this could be detrimental if everyone has access to it and privacy options are not set.

Please read the attached leaflet on how to report content, block someone, share with a direct group of your followers etc.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Paul, Sofia,	Gabriella
Y1: Owen, Sarah,	Adepa
Y2: Jonathan, Kristina,	Zennia
Y3: Keziah-Rose, Marie,	Jeremy
Y4: Atanas, Elianna,	Sabrina
Y5: Eleana, Emike,	Eleana, Madison
Y6: Angela, Kingsley,	Abigail, Allan



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Mother's Day Stall



We are still accepting Mother's day stall items. If you have any unwanted items in good condition for our stall sale, please give it in at the school office.

The Mother's Day Stall Sale is on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March. Gifts will cost from £1.00 - £5.00. Don't forget to send your child to school with money!

We are in need of some parent volunteers to help with our Mother's Day stall in March. If you can help please speak to Eleesha or Christy. Thank you.



Easter Egg Class Raffle

The tickets for the Easter egg class raffle will go on sale from Tuesday 12th March.

FROGS Easter Egg Competition

The Easter egg colouring competition starts on Monday 26th February and is open to Nursery to Year 6 and is 50p to enter, A blank A4 sized Easter egg template will be given to each child, with instructions.



Fr Con's Reflection

Thursday of this school week, 22nd February, was the Feast of the Chair of St Peter.



This celebrates Peter as the first Pope - the Rock on which Jesus would build His Church. Jesus had changed his name from Simon to Peter, since 'Peter' means 'Rock' in both Latin and Greek.

This is the one Feast Peter has to himself in the Church's Calendar. (He has a joint Feast with St Paul on 29th June, each year).

Peter was not perfect. He would have been the very first to admit this of himself. He was rather impetuous. For example, he thought he could walk on water like Jesus. When the going got really tough, he would deny Jesus three times as Jesus predicted he would!

Yet, Jesus saw leadership qualities in Peter, which the Holy Spirit could refine as necessary.

Through it all, Peter truly loved Jesus e.g. weeping bitterly after disowning Him. This Lent, we can take encouragement from Peter's weaknesses.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day

Learning together as part of God's family