



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## CURRICULUM NEWS



### *RE News*

The Wednesday Word this week is enthusiasm. We should live both our spiritual and daily lives enthusiastically. Lent is a good time for us to renew our enthusiasm with God.

All Junior children will visit Christchurch during Lent to do the Stations of the Cross. It is the turn of Class G on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> march at 1.30pm. Parents can join them there if they wish.



### *LGFL Resources-Help for Children*

Teachers have been checking to ensure children have their logins to access the wonderful LGFL resources. They have all been printed out by Mrs Martin and the children should have them in their Contact Books/Reading Diaries. Please take a look. Go onto the website and see for yourself. There are lots of English, Maths, Geography and Science resources as well as more information. It is well worth a look.



### *Science Day-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March*

Children from Reception to Y6 will be immersed in all things science next Friday as they partake in experiments and learn more about science. Miss Winter is organising this day to make science fun for all children.



### *Y3 Liturgical Dance*

Parents are invited to watch their children's dance display on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the Dining Hall. This should last approx. 15 minutes. Both classes will dance separately but if you are attending please wait until both classes have finished. Parents leave sometimes after the first class finishes which disappoints the children dancing afterwards.



## Hearing Children Read

I need to send out another reminder about parents hearing their children read. Some teachers are seeing a big decline in parents signing the contact books. No longer is it one or two children. In some classes, there are 5 or 6 that need to be followed up. Most worrying is the fact that Infant children, as young as 5 or 6 years are not reading at home. Parents are relying solely on staff or volunteers hearing their children read. Children who have parents sitting with them on a daily basis, hearing how they read/asking questions, really do make the most progress generally. If your child is a good reader, it makes such a difference in all subject areas. I realise people are busy but do your best. Hear your child read, test them on spellings and go over multiplication tables.

All children have received a World Book Day voucher so let them choose a book of their choice. All age groups are catered for.



## Class Assemblies

Please take note of the following Class Assembly dates:

YR	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.45pm
Y1	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm
Y3	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2.45pm
Y4	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Crowning of Our Lady (Fr John to confirm time)
Y5	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm

All assemblies will take place in the Gym Hall, apart from the Crowning of Our Lady. Parents and other family members are all welcome to attend. Please arrive on time. Children should not be disturbed by latecomers whilst in the middle of their assembly.

## GENERAL NEWS



### *Scoot to School Day - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March*

Infant children have the opportunity of taking part in the Scoot to School Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If your child wants to come to school that day on their scooter, please put their name on the list outside the Main Office. Miss Hogan and Mrs Whitewood need to know numbers to prepare the breakfast.

## *Secondary Transfer*

Parents should have received notification about the secondary schools. If anyone is unhappy, please make an appointment to see me and I will explain what options there are.



## *Parents' Evening Slips* *Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

You will receive your child's time for Parents' Evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Jefferys has put all the times together, checking the numerous requests and ensuring that everybody gets what they requested. We are introducing a different system in the Autumn where parents will be directed to sign up for a slot online. This type of system is already used by many schools and it saves much work at this end.

Please arrive early for your appointment as ideally, you should see the exercise books before seeing the teacher.

Y5/6 children are always invited to attend as they should join the discussion. This will happen when they go to Secondary School so it is important that they take ownership of their own learning and start to contribute to the discussions.

**Dining Hall**    YR    Mrs Shallice/Mrs White/Miss Hogan  
                      Y1    Miss Phipps/Mrs Harkin/Mrs Piechota  
                      Y2    Mrs Hansen/Mrs Bone  
                      Mrs Evans-SENCO

**Gym Hall**      Y3    Mrs Turpin/Miss Greene  
                      Y4    Miss Dineen/Mrs Whitewood  
                      Y5    Miss Winter/Miss Gawor  
                      Y6    Mr Sims/Miss Collins

### *NSPCC - Online Safety Workshop for Parents*

Please refer to the email regarding the Parents Online Safety Workshop on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. If you would like to attend please let the Office know. It should last approx. 1 hour. There are spaces available so come along to keep on top of the safety aspects of the internet.

## **PA NEWS**

### *PA Events*

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Gifts

The PA will be selling Mother's Day gifts on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, both at lunchtime and after school. Children can bring up to £3 to school and choose a nice present for their mothers.

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Event for St Patrick's Day

Tickets are now on sale so look out for the PA who are selling them in the parents' waiting area after school and from the Main Office (adults £5, child £2).

The weather did not help this week as it was a bit chilly for selling tickets outside but don't worry, there are still tickets available so pop into the Main Office. The ladies there are more than happy to oblige. If you wish, they can put tickets aside for you if you send them a friendly email. It should be a good night with lots of laughter and music and you don't even have to be Irish!

A live band is performing and you will be treated to an Irish dancing display. There will be a licenced bar and nibbles on the tables. There will also be a raffle with great prizes. Look at the posters with detailed information which are displayed around the school.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED SO PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**

**Many thanks to parents who made a great effort to bring their children to school. A big thank you to Mrs Kingdon who cleared all the paths and put salt down. This was not an easy task. Hopefully, the weather will improve next week and we can look forward to blossom on the trees and feel happy that Spring has finally sprung.**

Message from Mr Paul Drake, Chair of the Governors

You will be aware that interviews have been taking place this week for the next Headteacher of St Mary's. Unfortunately, Governors were not able to make an appointment in this round of interviews. We will begin the process again next week and with God's blessing we will be successful. I will keep you updated.

With kind regards

M A Jackson  
Headteacher