



Newsletter 22
28th February 2020



Dear Parents,



The beginning of Lent was marked with a visit from Fr Brian to celebrate Mass and receive ashes. 6 Johnson led the Mass with each class adding bringing up their Lenten promises.

The children were also given their Lenten Boxes to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society. The children were very moved by the earlier assembly focus on this charity and we have decided to run a sponsored skip to raise money for our Lenten Boxes. Please see attached letter and sponsor form. Children are asked to bring their sponsorship forms in on Friday March 20th – the day when we will have our sponsored skip.

Keeping Families Safe Online – Tuesday 3rd March 7pm

Please, please, please do come to this workshop which is aimed at parents and how you can keep your child safe and happy at home. Online safety has become an essential life skill for adults and children. As I have already outlined to parents, it is having the most significant impact on children's anxiety and well-being – for all age groups.

Delivered by TechSafe, a nationally recognised eSafety expert, our workshop aims to help you manage your family's internet safety confidently by offering solutions to the stresses and worries of online risks.

- Find out how to set your parental controls on all devices
- Discover Social Media and gaming trends
- Understand how to manage online risks
- Know what to do if your child is cyberbullied.

Please do come along – and encourage others. St Rose's and JFK parents are also most welcome.

World Book Day

Please note that our dressing up day for World Book Day will be on Friday, March 6th (not the Thursday) so we can have a full day of related reading activities without any interruptions for swimming. Children are also asked to bring in a favourite book (past or present) to share.

Reading Buddies – Year 5 at St Rose’s



Year 5 had a great morning today at St Rose’s where they read to all classes. They had to walk there and back in the rain but were still cheerful on their return having thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you to those parents who walked with the children, it is much appreciated.

Coronavirus

We have received the following statement from Hertfordshire County Council:

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about returning trips to Italy over half term in light of the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities on Coronavirus.

We would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern, none of the school trips run by Hertfordshire schools were within the towns which the Italian Authorities have put on quarantine measures and Hertfordshire residents remain at low risk.

If people have returned from these areas and develop flu like symptoms, they should stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don’t touch your face unless you’ve just washed your hands.

Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible. Please visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date advice.

We will remain alert to all guidance and advice to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. We receive regular updates and rest assured that we will act on any official advice and guidance immediately. Please continue to follow the advice above from the NHS.

Times table testing - parent information meeting

I hope Year 4 and Year 3 parents who attended this meeting found it useful. Year 4s will be completing the new statutory times table test in June. Please look out for the guidance which is due to go on the website next week.

Head Teacher Awards

Poppy Griffin (3N) – for her engagement and contribution to school life whether it is collecting milk bottle tops or taking part in the 500 word competition.

Daisy White, Joshua Mensah-Roberts, Joseph Pratt, Shawn Joseph – for progress in swimming.

Alfie Blackman – for turning around a difficult week into a learning and learning week and producing well-presented writing and enthusiasm for Maths.

Madeline Murphy – for her letter to the Australian wildlife rescuers (WIRES) regarding our school donation.

Sports News

Please note that Netball Club (Year 5/6) will not be running this Monday as there is a Netball fixture away to Micklem that afternoon. The Football Club will be running as normal.

Girls' Football

The Year 5/6 Girls' Football team played out a 1-1 draw against Broadfield on Wednesday. We were ahead at half time thanks to Darcy Pirie's strike from a Juno Cowman-Daly corner, but Broadfield snatched a late point with a last minute equaliser.

Netball

The Year 6 Netball team visited Two Waters on Thursday and took part in a close fought contest, where we eventually lost 9-5. After conceding some early goals, we came back to trail just 4-3 at half time but were unable to maintain the momentum. Darcy Pirie scored all of our goals and Holly McDonnell was voted our most valuable player by the opposition.

PA Disco tonight

If you have not been able to get your tickets for the Spring Disco this evening, you can buy a ticket on the door (£4). Yrs 3&4 - 5.00pm til 6.15pm. Yrs 5&6 - 6.30pm til 7.45pm.

DROP OFF: Please drop your child at the school front door by reception. (If possible please take your child's coat home with you & bring back at pick up).

COLLECTION: You will be asked to enter the hall via the hall steps collect your child.

PA Logo Competition

Time is nearly up for entries in the PA Logo Competition – the closing date is next Tuesday. Entries can be on blank A4 sheets or using one of the templates. The closing date is March 3rd. There is also a sheet for parents to offer help to the Parents Association. Please do pledge some time – however small.

Thank You

You may have heard your children talk about our new Interactive Whiteboards – lovely 75” clear screens that we are still learning how to get the most out of. Every classroom has a new board and it is supporting both teaching and learning as well as enjoyment. We were able to get the larger screens (£5,000) thanks to the generosity of the Parents Association and all our parents. Thank you and I hope you feel it is money well spent to enrich your child’s learning.

Attendance

Despite the challenges of this time of year, congratulations to 3 Nightingale for excellent attendance in February – 97.13%. They can now choose a special treat as their reward.

MONTH	3Anning	3Nightingale	4Attenborough	4Jemison	5Mandela	5Einstein	6MLK	6Johnson	WHOLE SCHOOL
SEPT	97.77	98.04	98.17	97.5	98.83	97.02	95.67	97.42	97.54
OCTOBER	97.72	98.02	97.59	96.57	97.59	96.95	96.85	97.31	97.32
NOVEMBER	96.7	95.26	97.33	98.17	98.42	95.89	94.42	95.00	96.40
DECEMBER	97.41	96.31	97.13	96.44	95.52	97.11	94.37	96.90	96.39
JANUARY	97.59	96.93	96.88	96.51	96.80	95.99	96.59	96.00	96.43
FEBRUARY	96.90	97.13	95.56	96.00	94.11	96.45	97.00	94.11	95.90

Reminders for the coming week

Mon	Netball Match away to Micklem (NO Netball Club)
Tues	7pm Keeping Families Safe Online workshop
Wed	Fr Brian class visit – Year 4
Thurs	Yr4 Swimming
Fri	World Book Day and Dressing Up Day
Sun	Royal Albert Hall Herts Gala Performance Coach leaves Clover Way 2.20pm

Have a good weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher