



### **THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

Look out for our Lenten reflection packs, which will start to go out next week. For those of you that have been here a while, you will know how things work. For new parents, the Lenten packs provide a resource for a short time of reflection during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and runs up to Easter. It is important that you make the most of the packs on the day that you get them and bring them back to school the next day, so that everyone can have the opportunity to take them home.

### **INTERNET SAFETY**

There has been a lot of information in the news this week about various threats to children on line. The advice from CEOPS (see below) mirrors the information that we sent out earlier in the term regarding supervising children's internet use and trying to create a positive relationship where children feel able to talk about concerns that they may have.

CEOPS Advice to parents – they should work to create a positive relationship with their children around their internet use, closely supervising younger children's online access, and crucially, ensuring their children feel they can tell them (or another trusted adult) if they ever encounter anything worrying. Parental controls go some way to protecting children from accidentally viewing disturbing content but are unlikely to prevent it in many cases, for example when content has been deliberately spliced into content aimed at children. Inappropriate content should be reported direct to the online service it appears on".

Mrs Britton has provided this helpful link to a site that provides a great amount of information about various apps and websites and how to ensure safe usage of them: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

### **DRAFT BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

This week started with an assembly introducing a new behaviour policy to the children. It is currently in draft form as we are trialling a few new things to see how they work before publishing the final version. We will take feedback from the children next week and I will ask Mrs Biggs to send the draft version out to parents with the bulletin. As ever, feedback is greatly received. We are working on getting the message out to children that our school is a place where we are always trying to treat people with respect.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Book Detectives have been making arrangements for World Book Day 2019 on 7 March. This year, children can bring in their favourite bedtime story and wear their pyjamas for the day! We are also running a competition to decorate a peg as your favourite book character. There will be special book related prizes for one winner in each class.

PTA are organising a World Book Day disco on Friday 15 March in the school hall – Reception to Year 2 at 5-6 pm and Years 3 – 6 at 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Tickets are on sale from PTA members or from the office price £2.50.

### **DINNER MONEY**

Dinner money for this half term is now due, and should be paid in advance. It can be paid on line thru school money (Eduspot), in cash or cheque via the school office. The amount for this term is £77 – a 7 week half term at £11 per week (£2.20 per meal). Any outstanding dinner money from last half term should be paid as soon as possible please. Thank you.

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

This is to remind all parents that we are a completely nut free school – we have had another pupil recently with a nut allergy and it is imperative that we keep them safe.

### **SCRATCH CLUB**

There will be no scratch club next week – 7 March – but will commence again Thursday 14 March and will run till the Easter break. If there are any Year 5 pupils who would like to join after Easter please call into the office to collect a letter.

## CROSS COUNTRY

There will be NO cross country next week, Wednesday 6 March, as Mrs Ashton is joining the Year 6's on their residential visit. Please remember though that on Saturday 9 March it is the last race of the series at Woodbank Park. Cross country in school will be back to normal on Wednesday 13 March.

## PTA 200 CLUB

The winners of the 200 Club for December were Grant Conleth: £93; Victoria Taylor: £60; Joanne Brown: £33; PTA: £186

And for January they were Claire Lane: £95; Emma McCubbin: £61; Grant Conleth: £34; PTA: £190  
Congratulations to you all. If you would like to join the 200 Club and have the opportunity of winning these prizes please see a member of the PTA or call into the office.

## FAIR FUNDING PARENT ACTION GROUP

This is a parent campaign group to raise awareness amongst parents and the wider community about school funding. It is an intra schools group and includes parents from all the local primary schools and Marple Hall. School funding is being debated in Parliament next week and encouragement is needed for William Wragg to attend. There's an easy online form that parents can use to email William Wragg to encourage him to attend: it is

<https://schoolcuts.org.uk/action/ask-your-mp-to-attend-the-school-funding-debate/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please check for updates on a regular basis*

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| <b>Tues 5 Mar</b>  | <b>Yr 6 PGL residential visit</b>                           |
| <b>Wed 6 March</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday Service in School 10 am. All welcome</b>   |
| <b>Thurs 7 Mar</b> | <b>World Book Day</b>                                       |
| <b>Fri 8 Mar</b>   | <b>Yr 6 return approx. 4 pm</b>                             |
| <b>Wed 13 Mar</b>  | <b>Parents' evening-appointments available from 4 March</b> |
| <b>Fri 15 Mar</b>  | <b>PTA World Book Day Disco</b>                             |
| <b>Wed 20 Mar</b>  | <b>Parents' evening-appointments available from 4 March</b> |

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### 'TEACH YOUR MONSTER TO READ' APP

This app will be free to download across all app stores from Monday 4 March to Sunday 10 March, there is nothing to pay once downloaded until the free period ends

### Do you have what it takes:

There is a Quiz night at Holy Spirit Church, Leigh Avenue on Friday 1 March 7.30 – 10.00 pm. Tickets are £5, there will be a cash bar and prizes and raffles.

### Kumon

Find out how Kumon maths and English study can help your child to achieve beyond expectations. To start your child's two week free trial (until 15 March) contact Hazel Grove Study Centre on 0161 327 2717

### PIPS

There is a 'Co-producing with Families Information Day' on Friday 8 March 2019 at Cheshire Conference Centre, Hardcastle Road, Edgeley, Stockport where there will be workshops in SEN support in schools; working with young people to prepare for adulthood; stockport therapy Services Review; What is co-production. More information is available by phoning 07786 101072