

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

Fundraising

Traditionally, the season of Lent is a time of spiritual internal examination as we journey through the forty days, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Historically, this time has been used for fasting, following the example of Jesus who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. Today, some people choose to use the season to commit to a Lenten discipline - giving something up or taking something up - as a tool to reflect on how we can better live Christ's story and grow to become the people God creates us to be. We appreciate all of your help during this Lenten season, we do know that everyone's financial circumstances are different at this time. Please don't ever feel pressured into making donations if you are unable to

Lenten Walk

Thank you to all of the children who took part so enthusiastically in our first ever Lenten Walk in aid of CAFOD. The children completed laps of either the field (in wellies!) or the wider school tarmac areas. We had funky dance moves, robot walks, skipping, Egyptian style dances and finished with a final lap where each was joined by hand to another child. It was great to see everyone having fun whilst fundraising for a worthy cause. Could all monies please be sent into school as soon as possible so that we can collate our final total.

Monies raised will be donated to CAFOD (*Catholic Agency for Overseas Development*). This money will support two current National Lenten projects: the first is to help fishing communities feed their families in Liberia; the second is to respond to the devastating food crisis in Ethiopia providing people with water, emergency food and healthcare.



Good Shepherd

Following the huge success of our Easter fundraising in previous years, the Year 6 children will once again lead the Good Shepherd fair. This will take place in school on Thursday 21st with all children to take part in an afternoon of fun! We will have a variety of stalls such as: Treasure hunt, Bunny hunt, Slimy letters, Sponge a Sixer and many more!!

The stalls will be led and managed by Year 6 with prices set at 20p per stall, there will be lots of fun for everybody as we raise money for our Good Shepherd charity – CAFOD. If children wish to take part please send them with loose change rather than pound coins or notes. Prizes will be awarded to children in our final achievement assembly on Friday 22nd March

If any is able to donate any prizes then I am looking for packets of sweets/mini eggs, a football or rugby ball and an Easter bunny – Year 6 would be very grateful for any donations made.

Easter Bingo

Our annual Easter Bingo will take place on Wednesday 20th March after school – 4:30 in the hall. Tickets are available to purchase from SCOPAY.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Tuesday 26th March for children in Nursery to Year 1. Children are invited to create their own Easter Bonnet to wear down our catwalk!! We have also invited members from our local Care Home to join us in this celebration.

Parents Evening

Letter will be shortly sent out for you to book your Parents evening slot on Wednesday 27th March. Should this date not be convenient then please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Attendance for this week

Class 1 – 93%

Class 2 – 98%

Class 3 – 98%

Class 4 – 97%

Well done to classes 2 and 3 for their super attendance!

Dates

The calendar on the school website has been updated and will continue to be updated as events are booked in. You can subscribe to this calendar from our school website and the dates will automatically save into your phone or device.

Wednesday 20 th March	Easter Bingo 3:30 – 4:30
Thursday 21 st March	Year 6 Good Shepherd fundraising
Friday 22 nd March	Star of the Half term assembly 9am
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter bonnet parade @ 2:30
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening 2:30-6:00
Thursday 28 th March	Whole school mass 9am
Thursday 28 th March	Close for Easter at 1:15

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith