



**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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Dear Parents,



We are pleased to share with you that our school will be working towards becoming a LiveSimply school and achieving the LiveSimply Award. The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic agency for overseas development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are **living simply**, **living sustainably**, and **living in solidarity** with the world's poorest communities.

During our LiveSimply journey, we will be taking faith inspired actions that support our school & local communities and our global sisters and brothers too.

We look forward to telling you more about our actions and inviting you to also take part with us. We really appreciate your support.

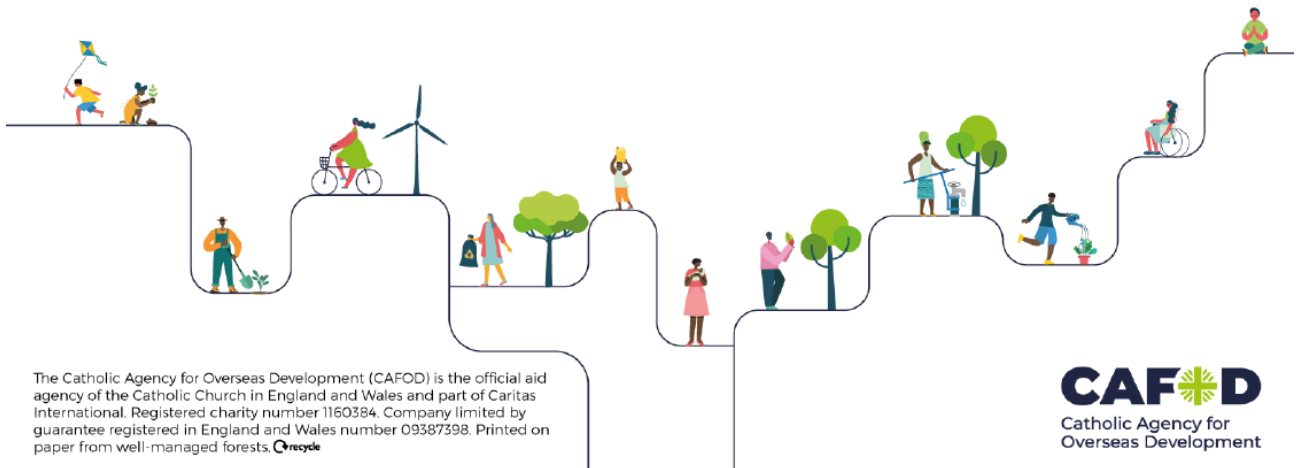
We have had two assemblies this week to launch our Live Simply bid to the pupils. In today's assembly we spoke about our first school action which is to **Live in Solidarity** – with a planned sponsored walk to take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The children have been given sponsor forms and will be bringing these home today.

We have also spoken about how we can make our own personal pledges and the children have completed their own individual promises on how they can live either Simply, Sustainably or in Solidarity, these will be displayed in the foyer on our Live Simply tree. We invite you, the parents, to join us by making your own pledge, the children will be bringing home leaves (pledge cards) for you to complete should you wish to do so.

If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit

<https://cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools>

or watch the video on <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award/livesimply-award-for-schools>



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### **Robinwood**

The children must come to school as usual through the junior door at 08:45 and must take their luggage into the hall before coming into class for registration as usual. The coach will leave at 09:40. Parents are more than welcome to wave their children off if they wish

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

**Mother's Day gifts** Thank you for booking your gift. This event is now closed and children who have purchased a gift will be able to make their selections on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Good Shepherd** The Year Six children will be organising and running a fundraising afternoon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. They will plan a series of stalls and activities for the children to play and enjoy. To help their endeavours, I am looking for donations for any prizes for the children, in particular, I would like two footballs, and two stuffed animals e.g. a bunny rabbit or teddy bear. Thank you in advance for your support

**Peace Garden** I am keen to develop the inner outdoor space known as the Quadrangle into an area for quiet and peaceful reflection and to facilitate small groups for collective worship. At the moment this is an area with seating, however, to maximise the use of this space I envisage a shelter or roof over the seating area, improved bedding with a range of flowers that blossom throughout the year and wind chimes and other sensory materials. If you have any gardening skills or this is a project you feel you could lend help with then please let Mrs Harrison-Scott or myself know. Thank you!

**World Book Day** We will be celebrating this day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book.

### **Attendance for this week**

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 95%

Class 4: 94%

Well done to all classes for their great 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 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day gift stall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 & Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress down day for Easter egg
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo 3:30 – 4:30
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 Good Shepherd fundraising
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Star of the Half term assembly 9am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter bonnet parade @ 2:30
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 2:30-6:00
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school mass 9am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Close for Easter at 1:15

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith