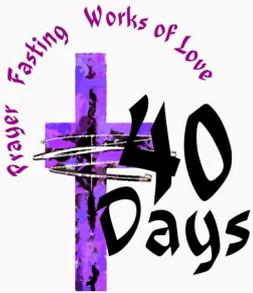




Newsletter—March 2017



OUR FAITH JOURNEY



Today is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. The children have had the opportunity to receive ashes during our whole school liturgy to mark this special day and as a sign of our commitment to continue in our journey of faith. Over the coming weeks we will be supporting the work of CAFOD as well as our own local food bank in Billingham. The CAFOD appeal this year is "Turn Little Fish into Big Fish." The children took part in an assembly last week led by Margaret Hodgson, a local CAFOD volunteer, where they learnt about the way CAFOD partners have trained up people to set up their own fishing businesses and the impact this has had on their lives. On Friday 10th March, as well as enjoying Fairtrade Breakfast, children are invited to bring some silver coins into school to decorate some fish-shaped templates. The money we collect will be sent to CAFOD—our little actions can make a really big difference to people living in poverty.

Our Mini-Vinnies would also like to help people locally too and are asking for contributions for the Billingham Food Bank. Items such as orange juice/squash, sugar, long life milk, pasta sauce, tinned meat, rice pudding, fruit and custard, tea, coffee also toiletries (loo roll, shower gel, shampoo) and household cleaning stuff can be brought in to school and placed in a box in the hall.

Please continue to share the Wednesday Word at home which supports our Lenten journey. During the final week of term the children will plan and lead class Collective Worship and families will be invited to join us to celebrate their Lent and Easter journey.



Attendance and Punctuality:

Thank you for supporting our aim to raise our attendance percentages. I am pleased to inform you that our attendance for February 2017 was **96.7%**.
Class results are:

Reception: 97%
Year 1: 98%
Year 2: 95%
Year 3: 96%
Year 4: 97%
Year 5: 97%
Year 6: 99%

WELL DONE YEAR SIX



To ensure the day gets off to a smooth start, and that pupils are engaged quickly in their lessons, punctuality is undoubtedly important. Please try to make every effort to ensure your child is at school by 8.50am. As previously requested please **telephone** the school to report an absence before 10am.

FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS!

Following a request by Mrs Tattersdill earlier in the school year, we are delighted to show you our proud footballers wearing our new school kit. We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Highfield for their generous gift and sponsorship of the kit. We are sure you will agree that the children look very smart and we hope that we have many years of footballing success sporting this new kit. Thank you!



FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS!

Well done to our Y4 children who raised funds to support Amelia as she continues her treatment. Thank you for your generosity by supporting the cake sale. Please continue to remember Amelia and her family in your prayers, as well as other people who are unwell at the moment.



DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

Friday 10th March—Fairtrade Breakfast and CAFOD silver coin collection

March 2017—Collections for Billingham Foodbank taken

Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March—Parents' Evenings

Saturday 1st April—Easter Fayre 11-1pm

Collective Worship (Families are welcome to join us in the hall for approximately 20 minutes for their child's class worship)

Monday 3rd April Year 1 at 2.40pm

Tuesday 4th April Year 5 at 9.15 am - Year 2 at 2.40pm

Wednesday 5th April Year 6 at 2.40 pm

Thursday 6th April Year 4 at 9.15 am—Reception & Afternoon Nursery at 2.30 pm

Friday 7th April Morning Nursery at 11.00am - Year 3 at 2.40pm