



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Lent—A time to examine our lives, to make Lenten promises and to make a fresh start.

The colour purple dominates our prayer corners and focal points as this is the colour associated with this season. Purple represents a time of preparation and repentance. Lent lasts for six weeks and is the 40 days before Easter in the Christian calendar. It is a time of disciplined preparation for the great celebration of Easter—a time for getting spiritually fit. It is a time to stop and take stock of life and to make resolutions to do better in future. Many Christians try to do something special during Lent. This might be something extra or spending more time in prayer, or it might be giving something up (cakes or chocolate, for example) as an act of self-denial and discipline, and giving the money saved to a charity. Some Christians try to do something new and creative during Lent. Our Mini Vinnies in KS2 gave us some great ideas of things we might do or change this Lent. We pray that all our families may grow in love and strength during Lent.

Wednesday Word—In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and the lives of our children too. This Wednesday's word is **'SELF GIVING.'**

Week beginning Monday 12th March

Monday 12th March

Lunchtime Rosary Group

After School Club: Netball with Miss Balmond

Tuesday 13th March

After School Club: Lego/Construction with Lorraine

After School Club: Computer with Miss Workman

After School Club: Easter Craft with Mrs Ward

Yr 6 Booster classes

Wednesday 14th March

After School Club: Football with Elite Coaching

Thursday 15th March

After School Club: Choir with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

Yr 2 Booster classes

Friday 16th March

After School Club: Dance with Elite Coaching

Punctuality + Good Attendance = Success

The school day begins at 8.50am. At this point the main entry doors around school are opened and in KS1 the teachers take their own class from the playground into the classroom. The 08.55 bell signals the start of prayers in all classes and in KS2 prayers take place in the hall. Children arriving after this time will find exterior doors closed and will need to enter via the main entrance. However, this can cause disruption especially when KS2 are gathered in the hall for morning prayers.

Attendance

Pupil attendance is the key to success in schools and there is an understanding that if pupils are not well enough to attend or have had sickness within the past 24 hours that they will be absent and will be given an 'I' for illness code on the register. Parents/Carers are asked to ring school informing us of their child's illness so that the correct code can be entered and so as to avoid an unauthorised absence code being placed in the register. Only under very exceptional circumstances are we able to authorise other absences and these must be agreed with Mr Flood or Mr Molyneux.

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March 2018

Due to the adverse weather last week we held our World Book Day yesterday and a huge effort was made by the children and parents on some amazing costumes. Thank you. Below is a list of our winners from each year group who will all receive a book voucher next week.

Reception-**Matthew Kemp**-Thomas the Tank Engine
 Year 2-**Isabella Taylor**- Doby the House Elf
 Year 3-**Louie Denison**-Ratburger
 Year 4-**Amina Iqbal**-Ladybird
 Year 5-**Hannah Lunn**-Saucepan Man
 Year 6-**Salma Hussain**-Queen of Hearts



Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

Class RW –Niamh Fallon
 Class RK – Wanessa Mirga
 Class 1T– Joseph Denning
 Class 1/2C– Martyna Blaszczynska
 Class 2V – Danielle Towo
 Class 3W – Louie Turner
 Class 3/4JT-Rebecca Selway
 Class 4N– Jaime Libut
 Class 5B– Johns Judin
 Class 5/6C– Alfie Denison
 Class 6CD– Mandisa Bhebhe

Attendance

Congratulations to RW who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 98%

In KS2 the winners this week are 4N with an attendance of 98%.



Easter Egg Bonanza

The towers of easter eggs are starting to appear already in some classes, children can bring donations of eggs in at any time over the next two weeks. Raffle tickets are now on sale 20p per ticket. Children will be able to purchase raffle tickets as they wish, giving them a chance of winning one or more eggs on display during a special assembly in the last week of term. Last year we raised over £500 for the Good Shephard fund. Thank you for your continued support.