



Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2019

Safeguarding

If parents would like further information about how to keep safe on-line in light of all the hype that is currently surrounding the disturbing images that are supposed to be popping up while children are playing on the internet, they can look at the following web-site onlinesafety.com
Can I remind parents to monitor what their children are viewing on-line at home. We reminded all the children about the importance of 'keeping safe on line' during our Friday assembly.

Lenten 2019

Next Wednesday 6th March is the start of Lent. The children will receive their Ashes during a school Liturgy. The mini Vinnies will be giving all the children a tube of Smarties after the liturgy. I hope the children enjoy the Smarties but then, like we have done in the past, save 5 pence coins in the tube over Lent. The money raised will go towards Fr Smith's outreach project in Kenya.

Nursery places for next September 2019

Applications are now open. Applications, which can be picked up from the school office, close 18th March. Parents will be notified on 29th March.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. We will have lots of reading activities in school and rather than parents paying money for costumes, we have decided that all children will come to school in their pyjamas on that day.

Monday Liturgy

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a short Liturgy in the main hall once they have dropped the children into school on Monday morning. This is a lovely spiritual experience and a great start to their week. This week there will be a coffee morning after the liturgy where the children show their work to the adults attending the liturgy.

Holidays

The Governors have agreed the holidays for 2019-2020 and these are now available on the schools web-site. Once again we will be taking a shorter Easter holiday and an extra week attached to the end of our May holiday. Parents might want to consider taking a family holiday at this time rather than during term time because holidays in term time are not permitted and we are now working closely with the Local Authority in monitoring children absences.

Breakfast Bagels.

School has received some funding from the National Schools Breakfast Programme to provide



breakfast bagels to the children. Starting next week the children will have a chance to have delicious bagel every morning. We hope to have some available for parents to sample after liturgy on Monday morning.

Educational Funding Letter

Attached to this newsletter is a letter informing parents about the worrying shortage of money in education and asking parents to take part in a survey to lobby Government for more money.

50 things to do.

The staff and governors are working really hard to improve the curriculum for our children and we hope to give you more information soon. However, along with learning lots of new and exciting things in school, we want school **to be fun** for the children and sometimes because of a busy curriculum we miss out some of the fun things and important life skills that children should learn and enjoy as they grow up. So from the start of the Summer term we want to introduce 50 things the children should be able to do before they leave Primary School. I have made my list and the staff are busy making theirs, however, I would like to know if the parents have any thought on what type of things should be on the list? Just to give you an example, below are five of the things I think all children should be able to do before they leave primary school:

All children should be able to do or experienced.....

1.	<i>Tie their shoe laces</i>
2.	<i>Dance/play in the rain!</i>
3.	<i>Learn first aid</i>
4.	<i>Read a map with a compass.</i>
5.	<i>Repair a puncture</i>

Below is a tear off slip for your suggestions. When the list is decided I will share it with children and parents and give more details on how we are going to help children complete the list.

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Please return your ideas to school by Friday 8th March

