



Wisbech St Mary CE Academy Newsletter

1st March 2019



Welcome back everyone – I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break. This half-term we have a busy and exciting term ahead of us. It was lovely to see and speak with so many of you this week at Parent's Evening - thank you all for your continued support and feedback.

Miss J Lynch, Headteacher

We've listened and we're actioning it!

A few parents have raised a concern that there isn't always a member of staff on both gates in the morning – we will be looking into this and see if we can accommodate releasing staff to be on the gates in the morning. If any parents/carers are able to volunteer their time to be on the gates any mornings, please let us know.

Collective Worship

"I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Our Christian Value focus for this half-term is **resilience**, which is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. There are many examples of how God encourages us to be resilient in our faith and in our lives. We will be exploring this topic in our collective worship and across the curriculum. Talk with your children about what 'being resilient' means to you.

A reminder that we will be holding our Easter Service and end of term collective will be held at church on **5th April at 9:15am**. We hope that you will all be able to join us for our celebrations.

Lent Challenge

Bishop Steven's Lent Challenge starts on Monday and we are excited to be participating. This year the theme is, "When I'm 64". We will be exploring the theme in collective worship as well as within our classes; activities include:

Hudson: Invite grandparents in for games afternoon to share games with the children

Godfrey: What will we be like when we're older and what will life be like in 2078 when we're 64

Mowbray: What was life like when our grandparents were small

Octavia: How do we care for our older people

Clarkson: Children will be writing letters to residents of a local nursing home

Peckover: Share memories with older people and compose writing from this experience

Awdry: To invite in grandparents to help the children with a craft project



World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

We all love to curl up in our pyjamas with our favourite book and immerse ourselves in a world of fantasy and imaginary lands. Or maybe a gripping 'whodunit' or an autobiography of someone famous.

A great time to read is bedtime and we are celebrating bedtime reading on World Book Day by wearing our pyjamas to school and bringing along a favourite book. You may even want to bring along your favourite teddy?



Attendance

The attendance awards for week ending 8th February were announced in collective worship on Friday 15th February. Gold was awarded to Octavia Class for the 4th week running, with 97.6%, Silver was awarded to Clarkson Class with 97.3%. The 100% attendance pencil for the week was awarded to Emily J in Octavia Class.

Our year to date % is currently 95.7%.

Easter Bingo

Our Easter Bingo will take place on Thursday 21st March. Doors open at 5.15pm - Eyes Down at 6.00pm. Donations of prizes always appreciated.



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Dinner Money

School meals are £2.30 per day and must be paid for in advance. Mrs Embling is currently spending over an hour each week reminding parents to pay dinner money, Breakfast Club and trips. The Parentpay system makes it easy to pay online. If you have difficulty paying, or think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals please speak to Mrs Embling in the office.

Family Cafe

Peckover Family Café is on Tuesday 5th March and Hudson on Thursday 7th March — Parents of children in Peckover and Hudson Classes are invited to come along for tea, coffee and biscuits, and spend some time with the children chatting and doing activities.



Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March! Children can wear something red to school for a donation of £1 which will go to Comic Relief. We will have a cake sale at breaktime, with remaining cakes sold at the end of the day. Everyone who dresses up on the day will be entered into a draw for a Red Nose themed prize. Mrs Boyce will be selling Red Noses on the door from Monday - £1.25 each. Please send in correct money as no change will be given.

School Absence

Please remember to call school before 9.00am if your child is absent. If you leave a message please state the specific reason for absence and not just 'unwell'. Only two days can be authorised for illness without a medical note.



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Pancake Day

Pancake Day is on Tuesday 5th March, and the kitchen will be serving pancakes with toppings for dessert.

Mother's Day Lunch

Wednesday 27th March mum, grandma or aunt are invited to join us for Mother's Day Lunch - details to follow soon.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March	Peckover Family Café 9.00am
Thursday 7th March	Hudson Family Café
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
11th—15th March	Science week in school
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th March	Class Photographs in school
Thursday 21st March	PTFA Easter Bingo
Wednesday 27th March	Mothers Day Lunch
Wednesday 3rd April	Easter Lunch
Thursday 4th April	Godfrey Family Café 9.00am
Friday 5th April	Celebration and Easter service in church 9.15am
8th to 22nd April	Easter break
Tuesday 23rd April	Training Day
Wednesday 24th April	Children return for Summer term

SATs for Year 6 will take place week commencing Monday 13th May

Mon 20th May to Thurs 23rd May

Bikeability for Year 6

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