



St. Francis Catholic Primary School



MARCH 2020

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'I am a sign of God's love'

CATHOLIC LIFE

Last Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the divinity of Jesus in the glorious and supernatural event of the Transfiguration.

Ever the pragmatist, Peter offers to make tents for everyone, so as to camp on the mountain and enjoy the mystical company of Moses and Elijah—this innocent response perhaps an indication of Peter's excitement.

As we journey through Lent, may we be reminded of God's continued presence in every moment of our lives, from the exciting to the mundane. Like Peter, may we be willing to allow God in...

Almighty Father, throughout Lent and beyond, give us hearts hungry to do your will.

Amen



**St Patrick's day
Tuesday 17 March**

To celebrate St Patrick's day we are asking all children to wear something green with their school uniform on this day.

What you and your children can do to stop the spread of Coronavirus

- ◇ Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- ◇ Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and Carefully.
- ◇ Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently with a normal cleaning product.
- ◇ Most important of all is washing your hands frequently with soap and water.

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St Francis of Assisi, Sheffield

Thursday 19 March	N & YR (in school)
Thursday 19 March	Y2 & Y4
Thursday 26 March	Y3 & Y6
Thursday 2 April	WHOLE SCHOOL

SERVICES

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Malcolm Glaze
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Welcome



Welcome to Mrs Howell who has joined the St Francis family as our new teacher in Year 3.

AGILITY CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 25th February 2020, 8 children from Y3 & Y4 took part in an Agility Challenge at The Streetly Academy. They tested their balancing, running & throwing skills. Well done to all of the children who took part!



This year, one of our Lenten charities is 'The Little Princess Trust'. This charity makes wigs out of real hair, for children suffering hair loss. Two of our children would like to donate their hair to this charity so we have agreed to support them in their fund raising by holding 'The Little Princess Trust Hair Cutting Event' on Friday 27th March at 2pm. If any other children would like to participate please contact Miss Shovlin or Mrs Wright for more information.

'Crazy Hair Day' - Friday 20th March 2020

Donations will be given to The Little Princess Trust.

Please see separate letter already sent home.

Fundraising—Friday 3rd April 2020

Our other Lenten Charities this year are the Father Hudson Charity and Little Acorns Hospice. Any donation will be greatly accepted.



Y5 trip to

National Space Centre

Doesn't this look interesting? Let's read what some of the children thought:

I think the space centre was amazing, it had incredible facts & the planetarium was amazing. It was very child friendly - Mia

I think the Space Centre was wonderful because they had games and we even tested how rovers worked - Rio C

The National Space Centre was a great opportunity. It was so fun and amazing to see all of the the costumes to wear when going into space. I would definitely go again - Jodi

I thought the Space Centre was really good and there was so much to do. It was extremely fun! - Alfie

Mindfulness March:



This month we are thinking about how to practise mindfulness in 'Mindfulness March'. We are taking part in different activities in class time as well as having the option of attending a mindfulness club during Thursday lunchtimes. Keep your eye on our twitter page for more activities!

Dancing in the City

Our St Francis dancers are currently rehearsing for one of the biggest stages ever to perform on, the Birmingham Hippodrome. Over the past few weeks they have been rehearsing a dance to music from Harry Potter. This opportunity was given to us last year through contacts at the Bloxwich Academy Dance Festival. With the full support of Miss Richards we are so excited to go and perform at such a prestigious theatre. The children have not been hand picked, we believe in equality for all. 'Let's Dance' who are a non-profit making organisation, believe in dance being so important in children and young adults. We will be the first school from Walsall to take part in this event.

Preparations are also underway for the Walsall Catholic Schools Dance Festival at Walsall Town Hall on Wednesday 1st April, this year the reception children will be performing a dance from Cinderella linked to our recent topic on Cinderella and the dance club will perform their dance from the Hippodrome.

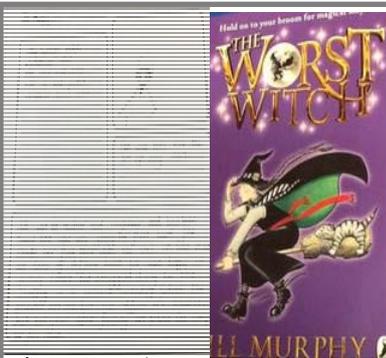
WORLD BOOK DAY



Wow, look how many characters are in our Nursery & Reception.



What fabulous costumes Year one!



'Year 2 have written a biography about their chosen author— Jill Murphy and also a description of the school in the Worst Witch'.



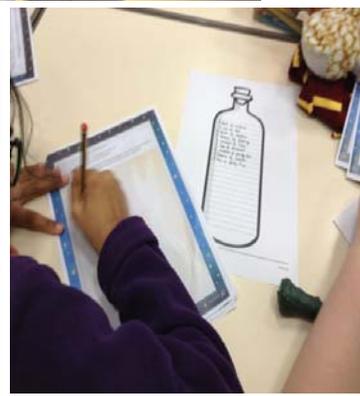
Year 3



Year 4 very busy with descriptive writing and with the visiting author.



Year 5 have re-enacted a suffragette march described in Barbara Mitchellhill's book 'Secret Suffragette'.



Year six really enjoyed creating happiness potions and their own Patronus as part of their learning around J K Rowling today.

IMPORTANT

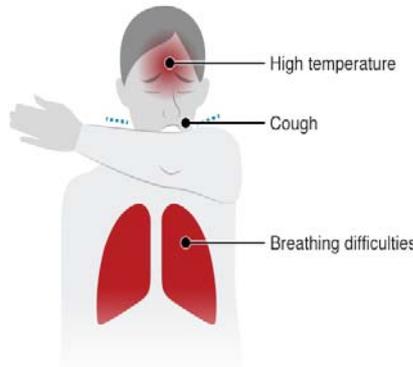


Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly. If head lice or nits are found please treat immediately.

Refer to the Department of Health's online resources for all head lice management and prevention strategies. Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer some treatment options. Nits (live eggs) hatch in 7-10 days. The key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use after one week. In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection, it is required that you begin treatment prior to your

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



INCASE OF CLOSURE

In the event of a school closure due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a homework pack is being sent home for each child on Monday 16th March. We will also send links on Twitter for children to access work at home.

All money sent into school should be in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for. Thank you



What the money is for

Name
Class
Amount enclosed

Items brought in late

Can you please ensure your child has everything that is needed in school at the start of the day it is required.

If for any reason items are brought into school late, such as packed lunches, glasses, homework etc these will be delivered to them as soon as we can as it is not always possible for a member of the office team to do this straight away. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dates for your diary

 **Summer term 2020**

Monday 20 April
Bank holiday: Friday 8 May
To Friday 22 May

Half Term: Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June
To Friday 17 July

School will close at 1:30 pm on Friday 17 July for the start of the Summer holidays.

Teacher training: Monday 20 July

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Please note, the **Early May Bank Holiday** has been moved to **Friday, May 8** to coincide with Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), which marks the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II.

2020 May bank holiday will be moved to mark 75th anniversary of VE Day



How good is your attendance?

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

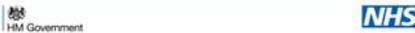
Overall attendance

this week 

KS1 YR 98.5%

94.6%

KS2 Y3 97.3%




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Some lovely news and lots of very important news. Please do take extra care and remember to follow the advice from the Government or NHS websites. Details of these can be found on the separate letter sent home today.



Miss D Richards

REMEMINDERS