



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 5th March 2018

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Snow Closures

We apologise for any inconvenience when the school had to be closed at the end of last week. As you are aware, the conditions were treacherous with roads and pavements not being gritted.

On Wednesday the children enjoyed the experience of going into the playground in groups and playing in the snow.

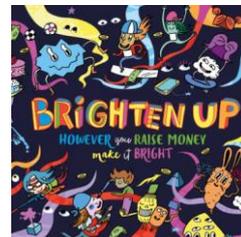


You will receive a bag tomorrow in which you can collect items of clothing which you do not need anymore. These will then be recycled, as opposed to ending up in a landfill. The school receives some money depending on the weight of clothes collected – so please have a sort out as hopefully the worst of the winter is behind us!

'Caretakers of the Earth' will be the Easter Hat Parade theme for 2018.

45 hours of Reading

At this point, we are half way through the academic year. If you have been reading with your child for 15 minutes each day you will have clocked up 45 hours of reading time. You can be sure that this will have had a positive impact on your child's education! Nothing can replace this commitment towards supporting your child to make progress in school. Encouraging and supporting your child every day in reading for 15 minutes will have an impact for their future! If your child is a reluctant reader, make this an enjoyable time by choosing reading material which they find interesting! Read to them to get them involved in a story or visit the library for an information book so that that can read about what **they** are interested in! If you need to speak to your child's class teacher or our Learning Mentor for advice then please book an appointment.



Cafod – Brighten Up Day!

Cafod has been chosen as the charity for Lent by the Pupil Voice Groups. On **Friday 9th March** there will be a 'Brighten up your Uniform' Day where children can accessorise their uniform. There will be a **donation of £1** requested to take part in this fundraiser which will go towards Cafod's work overseas.

On **Friday 16th March** there will be an International Talent Show for charity. A **donation of £1** for CAFOD is requested for entrance to take part or to watch the talent Show.

Please send your money in for both dates (£2 total) and support the children's chosen charity and efforts to organise fun events!



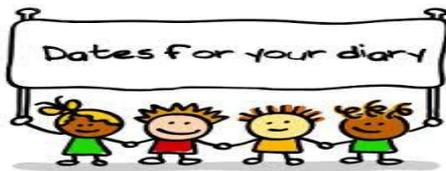
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Safeguarding

In order to safeguard the children in school, it is very important that parents and family members do not talk to children through the fence during the school day.

We want children to be aware that they should not talk to adults outside of the school site once they're through the gate and the presence of family members does send mixed messages to our children.



Dates

Thursday 8th March 3pm – Year 4 Class Assembly (please arrive by 2.55pm)

Friday 9th March 'Brighten up your Uniform' Day where children can accessorise their uniform (£1 for Cafod)

Wednesday 14th March – 2.30pm KS2 Spelling Workshop for parents

Thursday 15th March 3pm– Year 2 Class Assembly (please arrive by 2.55pm)

Friday 16th March International Talent Show for charity (£1 for Cafod)

Thursday 22nd March 3pm – Reception Class Assembly (please arrive by 2.55pm)

Thursday 29th March – Easter Hat Parade

Attendance 01/02/18-28/02/18

Reception – 95.56%

Year 1 – 95.11%

Year 2 – 94.17%

Year 3 – 95.56%

Year 4 – 96.28%

Year 5 – 87.44%

Year 6 – 94.74%



Well done to Year 4!

Who have won the trophy again!

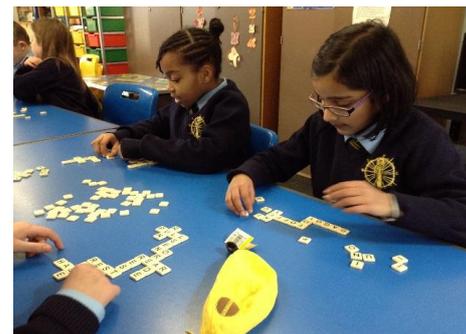
Celebrating Success EY/KS1



Our Year 2 class visited the Sea Life Centre at the Southbank. The children went on this trip to learn about the habitats of underwater animals and plants. Everyone had an interesting time, observing the many unusual creatures from jelly fish and sharks to penguins and seahorses. It was a very 'hands on' day with opportunities for the children to stroke some star fish and hold shark eggs.

The children were impeccably well behaved and this was noted by staff and visitors at the Sea Life centre; even the bus driver was impressed by their manners. What a credit to our school and their families!

KS2



Bananagram Championships

The children in Years 4,5 and 6 have been enjoying playing Bananagram at lunchtime. Having had lots of practise the children will now have a chance to compete to find the school's Bananagram Champion!

The game involves making words which link together using letter tiles. It is excellent for helping children with spelling and so much fun to play!