

# St Ethelbert's RCP School **February 2020**



Dear Parents,

February can be problematic when it comes to writing my monthly newsletter, due to the month being so short and the fact that a full week is taken up by half term. However, the school continues to be busy and there is plenty of information to give you, particularly with regards to some of our Lenten activities.

Thank you for your continued support,  
M. Messham

## Lenten Activities

The season of Lent begins on **25<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday. The children will attend a special service in the hall, led by our GIFT team. Ashes will be distributed to those who wish to receive them.

During Lent, we are asked to do three things: pray, fast and give alms. This year, our school community is going to take part in a range of activities which respond to Pope Francis' call to take care of our common home. During Lent, we will:

- Introduce a special prayer, which will be said each day in class – we will put this on our website and Facebook page for the wider community to use
- Switch off all electrical items in class on one afternoon per week
- Try to reduce the amount of food waste by eating more of our school dinners / packed lunches
- Go out into the local area to pick up litter (KS2)
- Hold our annual Third World Tea Party in the last week of term to raise money for CAFOD and to raise awareness of injustice in the world
- Collect tins of food and other household items on Foodbank Friday – these will be donated to the Destitution Project in Bolton
- Sell Bat or Bird (BOB) Boxes in aid of CAFOD and to help wildlife in the local area (10<sup>th</sup> March - letter to follow)

Our action plan has been received by CAFOD – hopefully, our projects will be a great success and we will gain the Live Simply Award. Please support us if you can.

## Dates for your Diary

### March

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Reception trip to Imagine That!

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Y5 trip to Planetarium

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – BOB Box Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Y1 trip to Liverpool

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Reception assembly

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Y4 assembly

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – First Reconciliation for Y3 pupils – 7pm in church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Mass

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Y5 taster morning at MSJ

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Y5/6 Mass

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Third World Tea Party (Y3-Y6)

### April:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Stations of the Cross (Y5) – 10am in church

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Easter Bonnet Parade

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – End of term Mass

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Certificate assembly & Easter Egg Raffle

**Y1/2 mass to be re-arranged – date to follow**

**School closes at 2pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50a.m.**



## Diabetes Award

St. Ethelbert's is proud to be one of a few schools in the whole country to be given the 'Good Diabetes Care in School' Award by Diabetes UK. Well done to all the staff who are so dedicated in ensuring the care of all our pupils with medical issues.



## Easter Egg Raffle

An Easter egg raffle will be drawn out at our certificate assembly on the **last day of term**. If any parents could donate an Easter egg, this would be much appreciated, as the more eggs we have, the more winners there will be!



## Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Valentine's Disco. The children were really well behaved and joined in with the cheesy dancing with great enthusiasm! A big thank you to all the staff who helped to organised the event or who stayed behind in their own time to supervise the children.

Please remember to return your sponsor money to school as soon as possible.



## Polite Request – Birthday Cake

To celebrate their child's birthday, some parents choose to send a cake into school to share with their child's classmates. We would ask that if this is the case, that the cake is cut up and wrapped in serviettes **BEFORE** it is sent into school, as staff are not always available to do this job, as they are either teaching the class or intervention groups. Please also remember our NO NUTS policy.

## Fair Trade Fortnight

Come and join us for a drink and a cake at 3pm on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** in the blue area.



## Attendance Champions

w.c. 3<sup>rd</sup> February- Y3 – 99% full attendance

w.c. 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 - 98% full attendance



## February Birthdays

**Nursery: Lillie; Amena**

**Reception: Josephine; Kingsley; Violet**

**Y1: Lisiah; Arwin; Malika**

**Y2: Olivia; Maddison; Melissa; Meesha**

**Y3: Leo; Amelia; Kemno; Lily; Ryan**

**Y4: Lee-Jay**

**Y5: Sophia; Molly**

**Y6: Macie; Paige**



**Happy Birthday to you all !**

## Curriculum Enrichment

The school continues to provide our children with a wide range of experiences, whilst continuing to drive forward improvements in reading, writing and maths. In February, the following activities took place:

- Our children took part in a range of activities on E-Safety Day, which highlighted the dangers of using the internet and social media without safeguards. The school works tirelessly to promote e-safety but needs the help of parents to reinforce the messages we give. Useful e-safety resources can be found on our website.
- During Children's Mental Health Week, the children took part in activities which promoted a healthy body and mind, as well as healthy relationships. For example, Y3 visited the senior citizens at Hulton Lane Community Centre, playing board games and having a chat.
- On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, the whole school celebrated St. Ethelbert's feast day, learning about the man himself and what it was like to live in Anglo-Saxon times.



## Easter Bonnet Parade

Just to give everyone enough notice - our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. More details to follow.



## St. Joseph's Penny

Mr. Maloney delivered an assembly about the work of Caritas, a charity which helps people in need within Salford Diocese. Please put any spare 1p or 2p coins in the St. Joseph's Penny boxes during Lent and return them to school. All donations will be sent directly to Caritas.

