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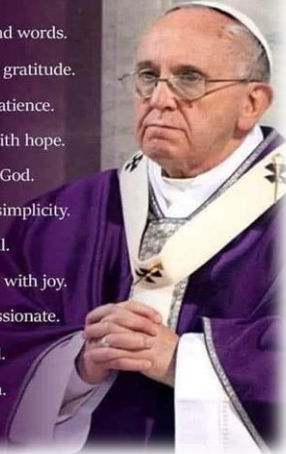


Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



**Lent 2022:** Please remember to take the time to look at the Diocesan 'Walk With Me' calendar that the children brought home for ideas. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra. All the children went to Mass to receive their ashes on Wednesday, and it was so lovely to join Father Tony for Mass to be able to sing and spend time together as a Catholic community. The children also spent the day immersed in prayer, liturgy and activities to start their own Lenten journey.



### Ukraine Appeal

As I'm sure you have seen on the social media, the Pope declared a day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Wednesday. As part of our Lent Day on Wednesday, we asked all children and staff to pray for peace and for the innocent people of Ukraine and of Russia. As a school, we have created a Padlet for the children, staff and parents to add their prayers to. Please use this QR code to add to it or the link.

### URGENT

We have a parent who can get supplies over to the people of Ukraine, we would be very grateful for any donations of the following items:

- warm clothes, warm shoes (particularly men's)
- socks and underwear (particularly men's)
- men's boots
- warm blankets,
- mattress protectors,
- sleeping bags,
- high calorie food items (chocolates, biscuits, etc),
- tinned and long-life food items,
- baby formula milk, baby food,
- painkillers (paracetamol, ibuprofen, etc),
- plasters, bandages and burn kits,
- first aid kits,
- nappies,
- sanitary products.

Please can we ask that these be brought into school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, this is when we have arranged collection, but have nowhere to store it before then. We thank you once again for your continued support.

### Staffing update

This week, Mrs Stevenson (Vice Principal and Director of Blue Sky) has been successful at interview and has been promoted to **Headteacher** at St John's C of E Primary School, Allesley. She has been with us since 2008 (14 years) and over the years has progressed from a class teacher, to Assistant Vice Principal and Vice Principal. She has been a huge support to all our community and has championed teacher workload and ensure that we look after all our staff to ensure they have a positive work/life balance. She will continue to work at Sacred Heart until May half term in her current role. We will really miss Mrs Stevenson, but know she will take a little bit of Sacred Heart to St John's.



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## THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS  
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE



### Parking

Please can I remind you to park in the church car park and walk over to school in the morning and after school to ease congestion. It only takes a few minutes to walk from the church car park, down the alley way and over to school. We have dedicated police cones by North Avenue – this has improved the safety of the pavements for our parents and children walking to school from that direction.

### Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
PE Days – Spring 1							
N/A	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday Friday	Monday Tuesday	Thursday
Attendance: 96.9% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
97.8%	97.9% 😊	95.8%	96.5%	96.6%	96.3%	97.7%	97.5%
Class Attendance Winner		Rec B Mrs Gaffney & Mrs Rice & 5K Miss Paterson					



### Grow a Pound for Lent

Year 5 and 6 have been given a challenge! They will be thinking about what they could do to grow a pound over Lent. Each child in Year 5 and 6 have been given a pound in an envelope and they need to think of something enterprising that they could do, either by themselves or in a group, to make money (the money will go to one of our Lenten charities). Ideas could be washing cars, baking cakes, running competitions through Lent...it is up to the children what they do though! It is always an exciting and fun activity to do so please do support them in their ideas. Your only rule is that at least £1 needs to be returned back to school 😊 The 3 children that raise the most money and grow their £1 the most, will get the opportunity of becoming Principals for the Day with me during the summer term.

### Governor Vacancy

There is a **vacancy for a Foundation Representative** on our Local Academy Committee. Please do come and speak to me or email me if you are interested in applying for this position...having a strategic view of the school and help shaping it for the future. You must be a practising Catholic.



### Wanted

Do you have any garden tools that you are willing to donate to school? We could really do with rakes, spades, forks etc to help us maintain the wooded area as part of our OPAL initiative. Thank you.

### New SENCO

I am very pleased to be able to share that **Mrs Donna Igoe** has been successful at interview with us and has been recruited as our new Leader of Learning for SENCO and will lead the management of Special Educational Needs and the children on our register. We offer our congratulations to her and know she will continue the wonderful work that Mrs Cakebread has done.

### Lent 2022 Cake Sales

**\*\* ONLY SHOP BOUGHT CAKES TO BE BROUGHT IN PLEASE \*\***

During Lent, we will be having a number of cake sales to raise money for our Lenten charities. Please support the event by buying cakes from a shop. On cake sale days, children can bring in money to purchase cakes (30p/50p in price). Don't forget! All cakes will be sold during break time and any left after school each Tuesday during Lent. Lent is a time for Almsgiving – raising money to give to charity – the cake sales are a one-off event for each phase during the four weeks we run this.



### Red Nose Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Red Nose Day launches again, and we have the power to change lives. Whether it's being sponsored superheroes or simply having a laugh – you'll be helping people living incredibly tough lives. And that's pretty incredible! To support this charity, we are asking children to become superhero's and take part for a £1 donation. The theme for this is for children to become superhero's - dressing up as their hero (someone famous or a job the children look up to) or children can choose to just come in non-uniform. We have also ordered 300 red noses. These will be on sale from next week - £1 per nose.

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## Class Prayer Times

With restrictions being lifted, we are looking to welcome parents back into school. Our first class parent prayer time over the Lenten season will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. The 2<sup>nd</sup> one will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9:00am in your children's classrooms. We do hope you will be able to join us and support your children on their journey of faith over Lent.

## Synod Pathway Survey

As you may know, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to take part in preparing for a Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The Pope invites us to recognise that the whole Church is on a journey together and, at this time, we are asked to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to one another so that we can discern what God is asking of his Church as we travel together into the future.

**We are asking you, as parents of children who attend Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, to give your views by answering the questions. Deadline by Tuesday 8th March 2022. The survey will take approximately 11 minutes to complete.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/DJmUnZ7DFL>



## Secondary School Places (YEAR 6 Parents)

All parents and children in Year 6 will have received official notification this week on which Secondary school they have been allocated either by e-mail or through the post. We will be supporting Year 6 in transition to Secondary school over the next 5 months as we work in partnership with Cardinal Wiseman and the other secondary schools. If you have any immediate queries, then please speak to Mrs Taggart in the school office.

## Mousike Ensemble Eco Warriors

As part of the music curriculum, the children in Year 2 and Year 5 will be taking part in a big music event. This is taking part at the end of March, but the children are beginning the practice now – learning songs that are linked to eco curriculum and learning their instrument parts. The children will also be learning a 'school showcase', but this is top secret at this stage! The children will be welcoming 200 other children from across our Catholic Schools to perform and celebrate their learning. Of course, I will be dressing up and turning the hall into something very exciting ☺.



## Passover

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3 will take part in their annual Passover meal. This is one of the first steps they make in preparation for their First Holy Communion where they think about different meals Jesus shared. The children will act out a traditional Passover meal and will enjoy all the symbolic foods such as Lamb, unleavened bread, egg and wine (which we will be substituting for grape juice!) Over the next few weeks, Year 3 will be learning about why Jewish people celebrate Passover and the significance of the different foods. If you wish to help with Passover, please come to the office at 1:15pm. Alternatively, if you wish to join your child for the Passover meal it will begin at 2:00pm (hall). We hope you can join us.

## Good Shepherd Appeal

Since the early years of the twentieth century, school children have helped support the Father Hudson's by collecting coins during Lent, and this remains one of their most important fundraising sources. Today, children raise money through the annual Good Shepherd Appeal. The appeal teaches children to think of people who are less fortunate and helps raise money to sustain the work of caring for people in need. Your child will be coming home with a collection box and further information about the appeal so that they can collect money towards the appeal during Lent. The children are encouraged to donate some of their sweet or treat money to help people in need. The support from family members makes a huge difference to the success of the appeal – please rally round and help your child fill their collection envelope! They need to be returned by the 8<sup>th</sup> April.



## Movies and Munchies

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting children to stay behind straight after school to watch a film with hot chocolate and biscuits. The cost is £2.50 per child and children will need to be collected from their classrooms promptly at 5.00pm. Please send in £2.50 payment in a named envelope by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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### World Book Day

What an incredible day we had today celebrating World Book Day 2022! Our Book Day festivities started with a 'Booky Breakfast', where we nibbled on The Queen of Heart's Jam Tarts and Goldilocks 'Just Right' porridge. We snuggled up with a book and explored some wonderful stories with staff.

After this, it was time for our much-anticipated Vocabulary Parade. We were blown away by the inventiveness and creativity of the costumes this year - it was amazing to see the children exploring new vocabulary and challenging themselves to successfully illustrate their chosen word in costume form. The children strutted their stuff on the catwalk, sharing their costumes and choice of word - it was such an amazing way to allow us to learn more words and continue to spread our wings with developing our vocabulary.

We hope that parents and carers heard about all of the magical activities we had in store for the children for World Book Day this year and that the children's passion and love for reading was reinvigorated. Thank you also for helping the children prepare their costumes and props - they looked wonderful!



**The amount a child reads is the biggest factor affecting their academic success!**

### Lent Dates

Lent 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 Grow a pound for Lent begins	Reception & Year 6 cake sale		GIFT Team prayer time for children Movies and Munchies 3.30 – 5.00	Parent prayer time – 9.00am (Nursery to Year 6)
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 1 & Year 5 cake sale	Year 3 Reconciliation	GIFT Team prayer time for children	Miss Parry's class assembly Comic Relief non-uniform day  Year 3 Passover – 2.00pm in the hall (parents welcome)
Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent prayer time – 9.00am (Reception to Year 6) Parent prayer time – 2.45pm (Nursery only)	Year 2 & Year 4 cake sale	Year 4 Reconciliation	Oscar Romero Feast Day (non-uniform) £1 donation raising money for Ukraine  GIFT Team prayer time for children  Year 3 First Holy Communion meeting – 6.00pm in the hall	Mrs Stanton's class assembly
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Achievement awards Years 5 & 6: 9.00am hall Nursery: 9.00am lodge Reception: 9.30am lodge Nursery: 3.00pm – nursery	Achievement awards Years 3 & 4: 9.00am hall Year 3 & Nursery cake sale	Achievement awards Years 1 & 2: 9.00am hall Year 5 Reconciliation Parent Consultations	GIFT Team prayer time for children	Mrs O'Malley's class assembly
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photo day (full uniform for all year groups – no PE today)		Year 3 & 4 Holy Week performance at Cardinal Wiseman	Year 6 Reconciliation GIFT Team prayer time for children	Mrs Cowley's class assembly

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## Digital Artwork Winner

Well done to Toni D in Year 6 for submitting her digital artwork homework over the half term holiday. What a fantastic blend of drawing and digital art. 😊

### Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic</b>		
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	First Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day All Day 3:30pm	Cake Sale – Reception and Year 6 to bring in cakes Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons Football Match Sacred Heart v St Patrick's (away)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	N/A	N/A
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am 3:30pm 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Year 2 to Mass Netball Match Sacred Heart v Good Shepherd (home) Movies and Munchies (school hall) - £2.50
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am Morning	1 <sup>st</sup> Lenten Parent Prayer Time (children's classroom) Drumming Lessons
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	Second Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass)

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr P Madia  
Executive Principal



**\*Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page.\***

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCov>



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