



Headteacher – Mr K. Landrum – Bed (Hons) NPQH

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Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who have donated Easter Eggs for our raffle. More information will be sent out when this will take place.



Museum Visit

Last Friday, Class 3 went on a trip to the Touchstones Museum in Rochdale. They completed a range of activities about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

The children took part in dressing up, went into caves and roundhouses, and made Stonehenge from sand and lego, completed archaeological digs, created a cave painting and even made their own clay pottery!



School

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that if you do have concerns about your child that the Teacher is the first port of call for this. If you are not happy with the response you may wish to speak to Mr Naylor (If it is Foundation/Key Stage 1) (Nursery, Reception and years 1 & 2) and Mrs McCallum if it is Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6). Sometimes if you are not satisfied with the response this may then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Mrs Wright our Family Support Worker is available if it is not specifically involving your children's learning.



Lent

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. Traditionally at this time of year we are beginning to think about Spring, however judging by the weather we had last week I am still struggling to believe that we are in March.

The children will be learning the following in school:

Early Years

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

CHANGE - Lent: a time for change

OPPORTUNITIES – Lent: an opportunity to start anew

GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving

SELF DISCIPLINE – Celebrating growth to new life

SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

DEATH & NEW LIFE – Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection



I would like to thank you for your support during the bad weather we have experienced. It was great to see that the children were still able to come into school, many of them on time and also picked up on time too.

It was also great last week to see Mrs McCallum back in school! I am sure staff parents/carers and children will continue to support her as she gets back into the school routine.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding in our school in the first instance, please see Mr Landrum – Senior Designated Person, Mrs McCallum – Deputy Designated Person or Mrs Wright Assistant Designated person.



Assembly

Thank you to all of our parents/carers who attended Foundation Stage Mother's Day Assembly. We were blown away with the large number of parents who came to support the children. Equally those who stayed and joined us for our Stay and Play session.



World Book Day

The children took part in World Book Day last week; it was fantastic to see all the different characters from books that children had dressed in. Well done!!! There are pictures on our website, Twitter page and Facebook page.



Outdoor Gym Equipment

Starting Monday 12 March you will notice some new markings on the school playground. From Monday 19 March you will notice some building works in the Butterfly Garden, we are installing an Outdoor Gym Circuit for the children to use during school time. As always, can I remind you that children are not allowed on the equipment before and after school.



Year 6 SATs Club

Just a reminder Year 6 SATs Club is on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Morning and Monday, Tuesday & Thursday after school.





After School Provision - Any questions or queries about the After School Provision please ring: 07756808219.

Please note you must book your child/ren into After School Club 24 hours in advance NOT on the day.

Please note the increase in price for After school Club: it is now £2.00 per child' per night. If you wish your child to attend **Breakfast Club** they must arrive before 8.30 a.m. Breakfast Club will be starting from 7.40am.

Dates for your diary

Friday 9 March -	Non-uniform day
Monday 12 March -	Early Years Assembly Playground Markings Year 5 Spring Concert Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College
Monday 19 March -	Sports Equipment installation
Tuesday 20 March -	Children of Halton Sing, The Brindley Year 6 Imperial War Museum Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 March	Parents' Evening
Friday 23 March	Year 5 Jodrell Bank more information to follow

SCHOOL CLOSSES WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH AT 3.15 AND RETURN ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 8.50 AM

Easter

The children in Foundation Stage, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are invited to take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 27 March. They will take part in a procession in the playground at 9.15am and you are welcome to stay and show your support.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to "Decorate an Egg"! We thought this year the children in Years 4 – 6 would prefer to do this kind of activity rather than a hat! They are then asked to give their egg a name! The most 'eggstravagant' egg will win a prize! It will be an eggciting event! Please bring in the eggs on Tuesday 27 March and leave them in the hall.

Parking around school - Please note the following regarding parking issues around school:

- It is illegal to park on a corner or on zig-zag lines. They are for emergency purposes.
- Residents in the area are concerned that parents are parking in front of their drives. Please be mindful of this when dropping/collecting children from school.
- We have had a few complaints regarding the parking on Lugsdale Road (opposite the old church). We have contacted the local police who will be monitoring the situation regularly.

School Website/Class Pages - We

pride ourselves on our communication with parents and the various methods that we have. In addition to Twitter/Facebook and Class Dojo please do not forget our School Website. We have electronic copies of policies, newsletters and class information. Please visit your child's class page to find out what they will be learning.

A Litany for Lent



We fast from judging others,
but feast on patience.
We fast from apparent differences,
but feast on unity of all life.
We fast from words that pollute,
but feast on words that affirm.
We fast from complaining,
but feast on appreciation.
We fast from bitterness and anger,
but feast on forgiveness and mercy.
We fast from discouragement,
but feast on hope.
We fast from suspicion,
but feast on trust.
We fast from idle gossip,
but feast on purposeful silence.
We fast from problems that overwhelm,
but feast on prayer that strengthens.

