

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 23.02.24– Term 4 -Week 1

Reflection: Mark 1:12-15

Lent is a special time when we prepare for Easter. We take time in Lent to pray more, and to think about how we live our lives. This time can help us to change for the better and grow in our faith. As we grow closer to God, we also realise that we are called to put our faith into action, and to live our lives as God wants us to, loving and caring for all people and for the earth.

Jesus goes out into the desert for 40 days. He had hardly any food to eat or water to drink.

How do you think Jesus felt while he was in the desert?

Jesus might have been hungry, thirsty and afraid. He might have been lonely.

But we also hear that in the desert, the angels helped him. We all need people to help us sometimes. Even when we work really hard, we can't always do everything on our own.

Lent lasts for 40 days, just like Jesus' time in the desert. This Lent, let's remember in our prayers all the people in the world who need some support.

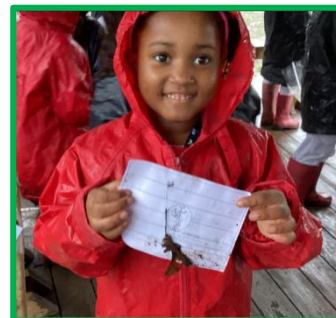
And let's do what we can to help and support each other and our brothers and sisters around the world, as we grow in our faith this Lent and try to live as God calls us to.

Loving God, may we draw closer to you this Lent. Show us how to follow you and help us to be there for one another. Teach us to share whatever we have fairly so that we, and our whole global family, may look to the future with hope. Amen.



Year 1 and 2 Forest School

The children in year 1 and 2 had a great time in the forest this week. The weather was very wet, but they did not let it dampen their spirits whilst outside. As a focus for us as a school we are looking at how we can incorporate outdoor learning more within our curriculum.



Ash Wednesday Mass

This week the school attended our Ash Wednesday Mass, this was delayed due to it falling in half term.

The children were able to reflect on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and received their blessing with the Ashes. We are so proud of the new Chaplains and how well they are participating in leading the Catholic life of the school.

As always the children sang beautifully and were all well behaved.

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Musician Visit

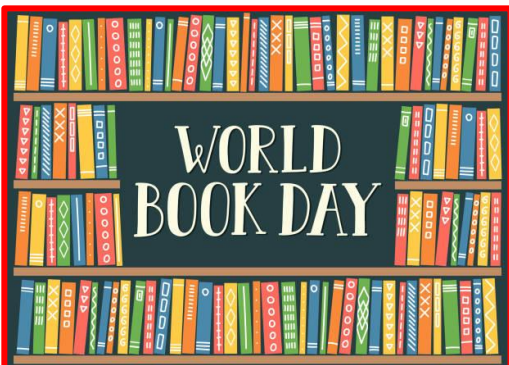
On Friday we were treated to some special visitors. Ryan and David came and demonstrated their amazing violin and guitar playing. We love exploring music at St Nicholas and getting the chance to listen to live music. Feedback from the children was that they felt they were in a tropical island and it made them feel energetic.



World Book Day

World book day is fast approaching – **Thursday 7th March 2024**. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character should they wish.

Miss McAllister will be sending out some further information regarding the Book Shop visit, where all children will be able to visit Foyles and swap their token for a new book. There will be lots of fun reading and book activities taking place through the day.



St Nick has got Talent!

We finished last term with our amazing Talent Show! It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and family to support the children. We had such an array of talent, from singing, dancing, magic, comedy and gymnastics.

It was a chance for the children to get up and celebrate what they can do. I was so proud of every child who performed and having the confidence to do so, and proud of all the children who supported them. I'm already looking forward to next year!



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REMEMBER!



**Bushcraft in Nature:
After School Club**
AT THE TRINITY CENTRE

3:30PM - 5:00PM EVERY MONDAY
BETWEEN 15/01/24 - 25/03/24

Free sessions with activities available for
8 - 11 year olds

Campfire cooking, arts and crafts,
Nature Play, making friends

Snacks provided, often sourced
from the garden

All wet weather kit provided and indoor
space available if needed

'Walking bus' available from Hannah More to
Trinity Centre at 3.15pm for each session
(via St Nicholas of Tolentine at 3.25pm)

THE TRINITY CENTRE,
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Any queries, call on
0117 9351200
and ask for the Youth Team

Find out more: 

TRINITY:

Walking Bus:
We are really fortunate that we are able to offer a walking bus. We have noticed this week that some children are not on time. Here is a reminder of the times
First stop 8.10am – 8.15am (St Mattias House)
Second Stop - 8.20am – 8.25am (Haviland House)

Breakfast Club – 8am – 8.30am.
Please can I remind parents if children are requiring breakfast they must attend before 8.30am. Breakfast will not be served after this time. Children waiting until after 8.30 are missing key learning time.



Please use the QR code on the leaflet to book your child's after school club place. Leaflets are available in the school office also.

Class Assemblies – Round Two.
We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!
Year 1 and 2 – Friday 1st March
Reception – Friday 8th March

Uniform
A reminder that Jewellery is not permitted as part of school uniform. This is a health and safety reason, necklaces and larger ear rings can catch on the equipment that children use. Small stud earrings are permitted but not hoops or dangling ear rings. Children will be asked to remove them.

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Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

| Class | Yearly Attendance | This week's attendance | Late sessions this week |
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| Diamond Class | 92.2% | 96.2% | 2 |
| Emerald Class | 92.6% | 88.3% | 16 |
| Ruby Class | 92.8% | 92.2% | 1 |
| Amethyst Class | 92% | 96.1% | 9 |
| Sapphire Class | 91% | 95.9% | 15 |
| Topaz Class | 92.3% | 96.4% | 11 |
| Total | 92.1% | 93.8% | 76 |

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions

Dates for your Diary - Term 4

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| Monday 19th February | Term 4 begins for everyone |
| Tuesday 20th February | Y5 and Y6 Swimming |
| Wednesday 21st February | Y1/2 forest session – will need outdoor clothes |
| Thursday 22nd February | Ash Wednesday Mass |
| Friday 23rd February | Young Voices trip to Birmingham |
| Monday 26th February | 3.30pm KS2 SATs parents meeting |
| Tuesday 27th February | Y3 forest school session (extra session) |
| Wednesday 28th February | 1.30pm Family Forest school |
| Friday 1st March | St David's Day - wear yellow 9am – Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly 1pm - Y5/6 Netball School Games |
| Saturday 2nd March | St Nicks FC Trip to Bristol City V Cardiff City |
| Tuesday 5th March | Y6 forest school session – will need outdoor clothes |
| Thursday 7th March | WORLD BOOK DAY – Dress up day Class trips to Foyles book store |
| Friday 8th March | 9am Reception Class Assembly Class trips to Foyles book store |
| Monday 11th March | Year 4 trip to Roman Baths – need volunteers |



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| Tuesday 12th March | Year 3 Trip to MShed & Bus Tour – need volunteers Y5 forest school session – will need out door clothes |
| Wednesday 13th March – Friday 15th Marcy | Year 6 Camp!!! |
| Monday 18th March | Wear Green for St Patrick's Day |
| Tuesday 19th March | Y4 forest school session – will need outdoor clothes 3.30pm – 6pm Parent's Evening |
| Thursday 21st March | 3.30pm – 6pm Parent's Evening |
| Friday 22nd March | STEAM day Engineering |
| Wednesday 27th March | 1.30pm – Family Forest School |
| Thursday 28th March | Last Day of Term |

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James