

## Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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### **Friday 24th February 2023**

#### **Lenten Activities**

On Wednesday, KS2 children walked to church to join parishioners for the Ash Wednesday service. Their behaviour in church was impeccable. This launched our CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Please see further details below.



We're looking to you to help us Walk this Lent. Walk as a family, walk with friends, walk with school. Classes will also be walking together and asking for sponsorship. There is a Big school walk on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Our Year 6 children will be organising it and letting you know details soon. Please visit our fundraising page: <https://ukaid.org.uk/what-we-do/what-we-do-in-schools> for more details.



Mini Vinnies are re-launching Foodbank Friday during Lent. Every Friday, there will be a Mini Vinnie representative on both our school gates ready to receive any non perishable food and toiletry items.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Y2 Gospel Assembly 2.30 all welcome

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – VEX

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Scholastic Book Fayre

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023** – day of Industrial Action

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023** – Exploring Bullying Virtual Event 5pm

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y6 Booster

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y3/4/5 Girls' Football

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Y4 Outdoor Games Club

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Y4 Craft Club

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Y6 Girls' Football

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Rotherham FC to work with Y3

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Y3 Boxing taster session

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Mac the Dog to Y5

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Fire Safety session Y3

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Y1 Gospel Assembly 2.30 all welcome

#### **Open Afternoons and Parent/carers meetings**

Open afternoons 2-3pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to come into school to share work with children.

Y1 and Y2 - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Y5 and Y6 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Y3 and Y4 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

F1 and F2 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Parent/carers meetings**

These will be virtual from 2pm to 7.30pm.

Booking will open next Friday at 4pm

F1 - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

F2 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Y1 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Y3 - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Y4 - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Y5 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Industrial Action

As you aware the National Education Union (NEU) has announced national and regional strike action for teachers in England on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Teachers who are members of the NEU are not required to inform their schools if they are taking part in strike action beforehand. In theory, they could just be absent on the day, with no prior warning. This makes it extremely difficult to have an accurate picture of staffing levels for the days of industrial action.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:

School will be **open** to Y1, Y2 and Y3

School will be **open** to F2 until 1:15pm

School will be **closed** to F1, Y4, Y5, Y5

Any information about future days of Industrial Action will be shared as soon as possible.

Parents/carers should be prepared for disruption to school opening.

### Jess Cup

Congratulations to this week's winner of the Jess Cup, Ffion Jones! Well done!



### Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to Y2 who won the Attendance Bear with a very strong 98% this week. Winners of the Golden Bear for this half term are the children in Y2 – well done!

**Whole School Attendance 94% Target 96%**

### Scholastic Book Fayre

This is next week Monday – Thursday 3-3.30pm

You will have received further information regarding this event and a book token which can be used at the Book Fayre. Please note that all payments are online.

### World Book Day

This will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and there will be lots of activities planned in classes. The School Council are running a competition for WBD. Here is a message from them:

*Recently, the Y6 House Captains have decided to host a competition. The children will be creating a bookmark for their house colour. You can add as much decoration as you want but ensure it is your house colour. There will be a winner from each class so make sure you try your hardest. Good luck and the house captains are excited to see the results!*

Please note that we will not be dressing up for WBD but instead will be running activities to engage children further in reading for pleasure. This link will take you to

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Here are just a few of the things that will be happening in school...

Foundation Stage – Bring your Favourite Book to School

Y1 – Bring a teddy to share a story with

Y1 and Y2 – Big Book Swap bring a book to swap

Y3 – Rotherham United Book session, book treasure hunt

Y4 - story telling under canvas

Y5 – Online Footy Booky Quiz

Y6 – Story telling under canvas

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will all take part in a virtual session with author, Emma Carroll