



DEAN GIBSON
RC Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd

March 2023



MATER CHRISTI TRUST
LOVING, LIVING, LEARNING TOGETHER



School has been abuzz with colourful characters today and there has been lots of reading done by older children with younger children during our World Book Day celebrations.

Thank you to you all for supporting your children and a special shout out to Alexis in Year 5 who looked fantastic!

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we listen, learn and care.

WONDERFUL PLACES TO READ COMPETITION

A huge thank you to all of those who entered our Wonderful Places to Read Competition. There were some truly Wonderful photographs and Mrs Tansey enjoyed looking at them all whilst having the tricky job of choosing our winners.

Well done to Ellie in Y6, Elodie in Y5, Stanley in Y4, Max in Y3, Anna T in Y2, Milo Y2 and Raine Nursery and Olwyn in Reception .



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GREEN-FINGERED PEOPLE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need some helpers to clear some ground next to the playground for the children to plant some fruit trees. If you are able to help, please come along on Sunday 12th March between 2pm and 4pm with your own tools if possible! No children but the more the merrier to help us keep our prayer garden area a sunny space for all to use. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

CAFOD

Cafod are running the Big Lent Walk this year, which encourages people to get sponsored for walking 200km over the course of Lent to raise funds to fight global poverty. This is a great challenge to take on individually or as a family throughout Lent. More information is available directly through the website: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

LITTLE DEANIES

This week we have introduced our new topic, "Awe and Wonder". The children enjoyed discussing things that they would like to learn more about. We have started the topic with "Light and Dark" this week. We have also introduced "Changes in Spring", which we will continue to learn about throughout the rest of the half term.

For the topic Light and Dark, we have, drawn pictures of different objects we associate with light and dark. We have sorted every day routines into when they happen, when it is light/ dark. Furthermore, we have also explored shadows, learning about how they are made and drawn around different objects that make different shaped shadows. The led to discussions about the sun. Therefore, we role played the solar system.

In regard to Spring, we have explored the garden to see what changes we are starting to see. One of our main observations was that plants were beginning to grow. Therefore, as a class we created a blossom tree and planted potatoes. We are looking forward to continuing our learning about spring next week.

Y6 Webinar for Parents and Carers

Y6 Parents/carers- please see separate email regarding a webinar series specially tailored for parents/carers of adolescents, in collaboration with the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service. Please check emails for more information.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th March Year 6 Mass.

Parents Evenings: Monday 20th March 2023 and Tuesday 21st March 2023 3:45pm—5:45pm

Thursday 18th May 2023: Sports Day

Friday 19th May (Reserve Sports Day)

Please follow the link below to learn about some of our RE focus this month:

[Parent Newsletter - Ten Ten Resources](#)

STRIKE ACTION

The NEU have called another 2 strike days for Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March.

Nursery open as normal

Year 1 open as normal

Year 2 open as normal

Year 6 open as normal

I apologise for the inconvenience caused

Dean Gibson PTFA

2023 Challenge

The challenge is to RAISE £20.23 IN 2023

Every child can fundraise in their own way!

Some ideas for fundraising are.....



Readathon



Car wash



Sponsored silence

Surprise us with your own fundraising ideas, we would love to see how you get on.

Please send photos* to deangibsonptfa@gmail.com

* Sending photos will give permission to publish on our facebook page.

£20.23 is the target amount to raise but there is no minimum or maximum that can be raised.

Please hand in all monies raised at the school office by Friday 31st March 2023 with your child's details and how the money was raised.

GOOD LUCK!

Overall attendance for the week: 94 %

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 92%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 97%

KS1

BEST WORKER

Reception: Kousha

Year 1: Erin

Year 2: Macey

KS1

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Tessa

Year 1: Jack

Year 2: Milo

KS2

MATHS

Year 3: Logan

Year 4: Tristan

Year 5: Ben

Year 6: Josh

KS2

ENGLISH

Year 3: Charlie B

Year 4: Joe

Year 5: Alexis

Year 6: Ellie

KS2

GOOD VALUES

Year 3: Charlotte A

Year 4: Holly

Year 5: George

Year 6: Hattie

KS2

BEHAVIOUR

Year 3: Eveline

Year 4: Ethan

Year 5: Abi

Year 6: Alfie M

CLASS MASS – YEAR 6

Father Hugh will be celebrating mass with Year 6 children on Thursday 16th March in school in the morning. Parents and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

END OF TERM

School closes for the Easter break on **Thursday 30th March at 2pm** and reopens for the summer term on **Monday 17th April**.



Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme

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Cumbria's Holiday Activity & Food Programme update

Book your child's free place now

Who is it for and how to book?

What is Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme?

Get ready for the Easter holidays

Get a head start on a Easter of fun for your child by booking them on to one of our FREE Easter holiday activity places for school-aged children and young people aged 5-16.

Activities will be taking place across Cumbria throughout the Easter holidays.

Use Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme webpage to search the range of activities on offer, and book using the booking instructions provided on the website.

Use the booking code **HAF 1** to demonstrate your Free School Meal eligibility status to providing organisations and get a funded place, courtesy of the Cumbria Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

Who is it for and how to book?

Activities are free of charge for children and young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and all children who attend will also be provided with a free meal.

If your child receives benefits-related Free School Meals, make sure you quote 'HAF 1' when booking, to make sure they receive their free place. Places are limited and bookings will work on a first-come-first served basis.

Find out more and book at cumbria.gov.uk/holidays