



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."

First Signs of Spring?

Officially, it has been the 'Spring Term' since January, but only this week has started to feel like it, despite the visit from Storm 'Doris'! Getting to school in daylight and a bit of sunshine make all the difference. I'm always impressed with how easily the children at this school skip back into school life, school patterns and work patterns after a break. Welcome back all!

BOOK FAIR - MARCH 2017

Friday 10 th March	Morning Nursery ~ 11.15am (in the Nursery) Reception Class ~ 3.30pm in the school hall.
Monday 13 th March	Classes 1 and 2 ~ 3.30pm in the school hall.
Tuesday 14 th March	Classes 5 and 6 ~ 3.30pm in the school hall. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CLASSES 5 & 6
Wednesday 15 th March	Classes 3 and 4 ~ 3.30pm in the school hall. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CLASSES 3 & 4



NB: Dancercise will not take place this week as the Infant Film Afternoon being held in the hall.

Dates

Please make a note of these dates and events in your diary:

Mon 27th Feb: Class 4 Trip to Westminster Cathedral – Choir outreach programme.

Wed 1st Mar: Ash Wednesday Service at St. John Vianney Church (time TBC)

Thu 2nd Mar: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character!

Thu 2nd Mar: Infant Film Afternoon (**NB: There will be NO Dancercise today**)

Fri 3rd Mar: Lenten Assembly & Topic Creativity Showcase!

Mon 6th March: Other Faiths Week

Fri 10th Mar: Year 5 Assembly; Early Years Book Fair

Mon 13th Mar: Year 1 & 2 Book Fair

Tue 14th Mar: Year 5 & 6 Book Fair

Wed 15th Mar: Year 3 & 4 Book Fair

Fri 16th Mar: Sports relief day & assembly

Mon 20th Mar: Big Maths Day

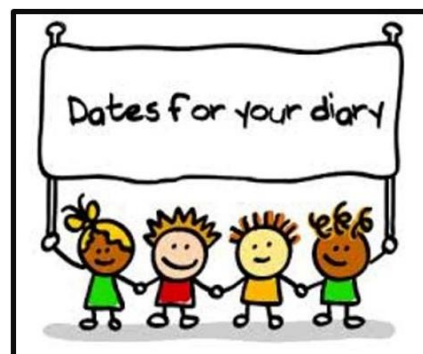
Tue 21st Mar: World Poetry Day

Fri 24th Mar: Year 6 assembly (Malawi Appeal)

Wed 29th Mar: Easter Liturgy

Fri 31st Mar: Mass for end of term (10am in the school hall)

Fri 31st Mar: End of Term – school closes 1:15





The Development of the 'Red House' and Stanley Culross Park

This week, the school was delighted to host a public consultation for these local developments.

Cllr Blake invited the architects of the proposed development in to present their plans for the site, and for parents, school staff and the local community to have their say about what is needed to make this a successful project for the community, one that adds value to the area and, in particular, reclaims the Stanley Culross open space for families and children.

Thank you to those parents that took the time to speak with the architects and Cllr Blake – we have been very clear about what we want and require from the development and that is such an important first step. Watch this space.



World Book Day – Why?

Thursday marks the annual World Book Day celebration, and it's one that divides opinion: children love to dress up, sure, but it can be a lot of effort for busy families. I feel it is important to just reflect on the reason behind this event – we want our children to read! There is no doubt that reading contributes significantly to life chances AND is a source of lifelong enjoyment, if nurtured carefully at this early stage. EVERYTHING becomes easier if you are a confident reader.

So, this Wednesday, we will be having fun with our costumes, but we will also be starting some initiatives that will help the love of reading become embedded in our school life and help us all to make the most of our reading education:

- **SJV Book Swap Club:** bring a book, borrow a book
- **Book Recommendations:** you MUST read this one...10 house points for each contribution!
- **'I Loved This Book':** share your favourite book with the rest of the school at assembly...10 house points for sharing!
- **Story Club:** Pull up a cushion and enjoy a good story...



SJV Book Swap Club:

Do you have any books lying around, gathering dust? Do you think that someone else might enjoy them?

If you do, we are inviting you to bring any and all books into school, so that we can start our Book Swap Club.

It really is a simple idea, but a powerful one; the sharing of literature, stories and a love of reading could change our reading habits for life!

This week: bring a book in and let's get started!

Class 4 Roman Assembly

This week, we were treated to a roundup of life in class 4. Their assembly on Friday was a joyous event, full of facts, fun and some of the best acting you will ever see in a primary school! Well done to the budding thespians in class 4.

We learned about Boudicca, what it would be like for a Roman soldier to march against the Celts and of how the Romans left their indelible mark on Britain all those years ago.



Bright Lights, Big City – Class 1's London Adventure

Class 1 braved the best that Storm Doris could throw at them when they visited the City this week. They were visiting the Tower of London as part of their 'Bright Lights, Big City,' topic, and what a wonderful day they had!

They visited one of the most iconic and interesting places in the world – people travel huge distances to do this, but our lot were lucky enough to just hop on the tube!



Ash Wednesday Service

To mark the start of Lent this year, the whole school will be going to the service at St. John Vianney Church on Wednesday morning, **time to be confirmed shortly** – all are welcome. It is an important time in the Catholic year; a time when we take stock, reflect and make room for Our Lord. Please join us if you can.

Friday's Assembly – Lent & Topic Creativity

This week, we will be reflecting on the start of Lent, and will be sharing what we, as individuals, will be doing to prepare for Easter.

In addition, we will be celebrating the creativity of our children as we showcase the art, craft, design and passion behind recent curriculum topics. Please come along and help give the children a well-deserved pat on the back!

