

February 23rd, 2018

NEWSLETTER

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Webster would like to nominate Year 5 for their hard work, enthusiasm and patience as reading partners for Year 2 during our weekly paired reading sessions. Their perceptive comments and suggestions to help Year 2 further improve their reading have recently been most mature and helpful.

Mrs. Ellershaw would like to nominate Saoirse McGuirk in Year 4 for her excellent handwriting work completed at home over half term towards achieving her pen licence.

Mrs. Roberts would like to nominate Harrison Bines in Year 1 for being consistently polite and helpful.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note the final non-pupil day will be on:
Friday 25th May 2018.

Lenten Blessing

Lord, Bless us with the gift of a humble heart. Then we will be free to bring to you all our troubles.

Give us the grace to be a priestly people, lifting to you all who are too burdened to raise their own hearts and lives as an offering to you. Bless them Lord this day. Amen.



The re-enactment of The Passion will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 29th March in the Church.



First Steps Toddler Group

If you have friends or family with pre-school children or younger, please let them know about the First Steps Toddler group we run jointly with Trinity St. Mary's. The sessions are held every Monday morning during term time, from 09:30 until 11:00. This half term the sessions will be held in St Joseph's school hall. Entrance is £2 per child which includes a drink and biscuit.



Spring Term Book Fair is here until **Tuesday 27th February.** It would be greatly appreciated if parents could come in to visit this in the library after school. The school receives a percentage of profits in free books which are always most welcome. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs. Webster



Masses & Class Assemblies

These are the dates for Class Assemblies and Masses. Please take note of them as some have been changed. Year 6 Mass has already taken place.

Assemblies

Reception Class - 26th April
Year 1 - 28th June
Year 2 - 21st June
Year 3 - 24th May
Year 4 - 22nd March
Year 5 - 12th July
Year 6 - 7th June

Masses

Reception & Year 1 - 12th July
Year 2 - 26th April
Year 3 - 14th June
Year 4 - TBA
Year 5 - 8th March



Marie Curie Cancer Care – Year 6 will be selling Daffodils throughout March. Marie Curie ask for a donation of £1. All donations will help them to nurse people with terminal cancer.

Eating Issues/difficulties in children with Autism -

A presentation and discussion exploring Eating issues/difficulties in children with Autism is being offered on 12th March in Moulsham Infants School. If you would like to know more about this or have any questions, please see Mrs Hull or drop her an email at :

vhull@st-josephspri.essex.sch.uk and she will arrange to book a place.

Class Lunches - The following dates are for class lunches:

March 7th - Year 6
 March 21st - Year 5
 April 18th - Year 4
 May 2nd - Year 3
 May 23rd - Year 2
 June 13th - Year 1
 June 20th - Year R



The class with the highest attendance this week (98.5%) and receiving the 'Attendance Cup' is Year 4. Congratulations!



House Points

The 'House system has been used to reward children's successes in learning, in contributing to the school generally and in their good conduct and helpfulness.

The 'winning house' this week is: **St. Patrick's with 24,924 points.**



Mathletics Class Results - Updated 23rd February 2018

Key Stage 1

Year 1: 82 938 points
 Year 2: 257 192 points

Year 1 Mathlete - Imogene
 Year 2 Mathlete - Zac

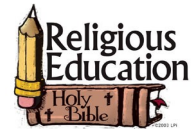
Key Stage 2

Year 3: 134 817 points
 Year 4: 127 134 points
 Year 5: 67 840 points
 Year 6: 268 879 points

Year 3 Mathlete - Amelia
 Year 4 Mathlete - Lucas
 Year 5 Mathlete - Fiona
 Year 6 Mathlete - Lucia

100%		Excellent
96 - 99.9%		Good
90 - 95.9%		Needs to improve
89.9% or less		Really needs to improve

Class	% Attend
R	96.2
1	95.0
2	94.1
3	94.0
4	98.7
5	92.2
6	88.2
Totals	94.3



Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 25th February 2018 (Mark 9:2-10): The Transfiguration Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

This is supported by the CAFOD Children's liturgy which is available at www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Childrens-Liturgy

Tuition:

Does your child need additional support? Worried about SATS? Considering 11 plus?

I am an experienced primary school teacher offering private tuition to children in Key Stages 1 & 2. I also offer tuition to pupils in preparation for their 11 plus examinations.

The individual sessions can be focused upon a specific area such as English, reading or maths. Alternatively I am able to offer more general tuition across the curriculum to support classroom learning.

I have a wide range of experience in working as a classroom teacher, deputy head teacher & SENCo. I am able to support children with a range of abilities, needs and learning styles ensuring that each session is interesting and engaging, whilst supporting your child to develop confidence as their understanding grows. Each session will be an hour, please contact me on 07434 878280 or kcrailton@gmail.com for further information and I will be more than happy to discuss your requirements.

Kizzy Railton

Non-Pupil Days

Academic Year 2017-2018

Monday 4th June 2018
(one more to be allocated)

Academic Dates

Thur 1 March Feast of St David
Year 3 to attend Thursday
Mass at 9am

Wed 7 March Class lunch Yr 6

Thur 8 March Central Venue League
Netballs Yr 5&6
Yr 4 Class Mass at 11 am
in Holy Trinity

Sat 10 March Yr 5&6 Children - Ski Trip

Mon 12 March Reception Business
Enterprise Week

Thur 15 March Yr 4 Class Assembly
Year 2 to attend Thursday
Mass at 9am

Infant Music Festival Yr 2

Fri 16 March Yr 5&6 children home
from Ski Trip

Mon 19 March Yr 6 Mock SATs week
Feast of St. Joseph's Mass
11am in Holy Trinity

**Tue 20 March Whole School Film
Night**

Wed 21 March Yr 2 trip to Museum of
London
Class lunch Yr 5

Thur 22 March Last swimming lesson
for Yr 4&5
Tennis at WdF Yr 3&4
3.45-5.15pm

Thur 29 March The Passion of Our Lord
(Yr 6)
End of term school
finishes at 2pm

Mon 16 Apr Summer Term Starts

Tue 17 Apr Parents Evening 3.45-6pm

Wed 18 Apr Parents Evening 3.45-6pm
Class lunch Yr 4

Thur 19 Apr First swimming lessons
for Yr 2&3
Parents Evening 6-8pm

Mon 23 Apr Feast of St George

Thur 26 Apr Reception Class Assembly
Yr 3 Class Mass at 11am
in Holy Trinity
Rounders at WdF 3.45-
5.15pm

Tue 1 May Parent drop-ins 3.30-4pm

Wed 2 May Class lunch Yr 3

Thur 3 May Reception and Year 1 to
attend Thursday Mass at
9am

Fri 4 May Quad Kids @ WdF pm -
Yr3-6

Mon 7 May Bank Holiday

**Wed 9 May Year 5 Residential Trip to
Bradwell**

Thur 10 May The Feast of the
Ascension
Swimming Gala at WdF -
KS2 2.30-5pm

**Fri 11 May Year 5 home from
Residential Trip to
Bradwell**

Mon 14 May SATs Day 1 - Reading
Comprehension

Tue 15 May SATs Day 2 - Grammar &
Spelling Test

Wed 16 May SATs Day 3 - Mental
Arithmetic

Thur 17 May SATs Day 4 - Mathematics

**Sat 19 May Governors Event - Quiz
Night**

Sun 20 May Pentecost

Mon 21 May Yr 6 Business Enterprise
Week

Tue 22 May Parent drop-ins 3.30-4pm

Wed 23 May Walsingham House
Retreat
Kwik Cricket
Class lunch Yr 2

Thur 24 May Class Assembly Yr 3
May Procession

Sun 27 May Trinity Sunday

Mon 28 May Bank Holiday

Half Term Tue 28 May to Fri 1 June

Mon 4 June Non Pupil Day

Thur 7 June Class Assembly Yr 6
3Ts Cricket
Year 6 to attend Thursday
Mass at 9am

Mon 11 June Phonics Screening Week

Wed 13 June Class lunch Yr 1

Thur 14 June Yr 2 Class Mass at 11am
in Holy Trinity
Open Evening 3.30-6pm

Mon 18 June Year 3 - Business
Enterprise Week

Wed 20 June Class lunch Reception

Thur 21 June Class Assembly Yr 2
Year 5 to attend Thursday
Mass at 9am

Mon 25 June Isle of Wight Residential
Trip - Yr 6

Thur 28 June Year 4 to attend Thursday
Mass at 9am

Fri 29 June Year 6 home
Feast of St Peter & St Paul

Yr 1 Business Enterprise
Week

Tue 3 July District Sports (Field)

Wed 4 July District Sports (Track)

Thur 5 July Year 3 to attend Thursday
Mass at 11am

Summer Fete

Thur 12 July Class Assembly Yr 1
Reception Class & Year 1
Class Mass at 11am in
Holy Trinity

Wed 18 July Sports Day

Thur 19 July Last swimming lesson for
Yr 2&3
Year 2 to attend Thursday
Mass at 11am

Fri 20 July Sports Day (Reserve)

Mon 23 July Leavers Mass 6pm (tbc)

Tue 24 July *End of term school
finishes at 2pm*

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

Year 5 parents please note the
following information regarding the
11+ examination in September 2018

CSSE 11+SIF registration

Registration will commence from 5th
June 2018 to 20th July 2018 inclusive.

Arrangements for the Test

The test will take place on Saturday
22nd September 2018.

Closing Date for CSSE 11+ SIF Registration

The closing date for registration is the
20th July 2018.

The length of time for each paper is as
follows:

English Paper

The English paper will comprise:

- Comprehension, grammar and
vocabulary questions
 - Two pieces of continuous writing
 - Applied reasoning (literacy/verbal)
- The paper will last 1 hour, with an
additional 10 minutes reading time and
will be worth 60 marks in total.

Mathematics Paper

The Mathematics paper will comprise:

- Questions consistent with the
National Curriculum
 - Applied reasoning (mathematical/non
-verbal)
- The paper will last 1 hour and be
worth 60 marks in total.

One set of free CSSE familiarisation
papers is available to download from
the CSSE website. The most recent
past papers for the exam held
September 2017 are on sale from 1st
February 2018 on the CSSE website
www.csse.org.uk.