



15th February 2011

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to keep you informed of current events and those in the school calendar.

Parking

This is an on-going problem. I have had several meetings lately with Mrs Paxton (Headteacher at Oakhill Primary) and representatives from the local Police. The Police are currently investigating a new initiative to control the hazardous parking on Rookery Lane. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Maths Evening for Parents – Thursday 10th March 7.30pm until 9.00pm

Tim Moss, Staffordshire Maths Advisor is coming into school to lead a Maths Workshop for Parents. Please do come along, this will be a very useful evening which should address some of the questions parents ask about Maths.

Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday is 9th March.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at 2.00pm in St. Teresa's Church for Reception to Prep 6.

Lent Fund Raising activities begin on Friday 11th March with the Pre Prep Toy Sale.

Lenten activities involve the children in each class taking turns over the Lenten weeks to run small stalls, (Treasure Hunts, Guess the Teddy's Name etc) and raise money for our Charities. The main Charity this year being the Meningitis Trust.

Each Friday we have the opportunity for a time of prayer and reflection.

- 17th March Stations of the Cross for P5 / P6 in St. Teresa's Church at 2pm
- 18th March Family Fast for CAFOD
- 22nd March Lenten Mass in St. Teresa's Church at 2pm

School Ball

The School Ball is Saturday 12th March. Please support the P.T.A. This is usually a very enjoyable evening.

New Diary Dates

- 31st March Bike Ride for P6 – more details soon
- 27th May Swimming Gala at Denstone College for PP2 to P6
Children will need to bring a packed lunch

Diary Date Reminders

- 16th February Class Group Photographs
- 17th February Nurse Drop-In 3.00pm to 4.00pm. No appointment necessary
- 18th February **Break up for half term** – Joe’s Club until 5.50pm as usual
- 28th February Return to School
- 9th March Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Teresa’s Church at 2pm – All welcome
- 10th March Maths for Parents 7.30pm to 9.00pm (please return your slip if you have not already by Wednesday 16th February)
- 11th March Nursery, Reception, & Pre Prep Lenten Toy Sale
- 14th March P6 Lenten Fundraising Week
- 15th March P4 Class Assembly 3pm in school hall
- 16th March P6 Science visit to St. Joseph’s College
- 17th March P5 / P6 Stations of the Cross - St. Teresa’s Church at 2pm (children only)
- 18th March CAFOD Family Fast – Children to bring in £1 in exchange for a piece of bread (this replaces their normal mid morning snack)
- 19th March St. Joseph’s Day
- w/c 21st March Reports issued (these will be filtered out via e-mail or paper)
- 21st March P5 Lenten Fundraising Week
Parents’ Evening - P6
- 22nd March Lenten Mass PP1 – P6 in St. Teresa’s Church at 2pm – All welcome
Parents’ Evening – Nursery – P5
- 24th March Parents’ Evening – Nursery – P5
Skip Hop Day for all children from Reception Class to P6
A small charge will be payable for the day – skipping ropes will be provided for the workshop, however, this year we will **not** be selling ropes in school as they are quite expensive.
- 28th March P4 Lenten Fundraising Week
PSHCE Week
- 31st March P6 Cycling – (children will require a packed lunch)
- 1st April Mother’s Day Assembly at 2.30pm for Nursery, Reception & Pre Prep
- 4th April P3 Lenten Fundraising Week
- 5th April Meeting for P5 Parents re Alton Castle Residential at 6.30pm
- 7th April Lenten Sponsored Spell
- 8th April Jar Tombola (All School), Easter Bunny Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade for Early Years and Pre Prep (we ask that all children in Nursery, Reception, PP1 & PP2 make an Easter Bonnet / Hat at home to bring into school (prizes will be awarded)
Easter Disco 6.30pm until 8.00pm (TBC)
School closes – Joe’s Club until 5.50pm as usual
- 3rd May **School re-opens**

Yours sincerely,

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