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NEWSLETTER

30th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Catholic Life – St Francis of Assisi Mass Services for Easter and Holy Week are as follows:

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 1st April - 6.00 pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
Sunday 2nd April - 9.30 am Mass with Blessing of Palms
Sunday 2nd April - 11.15 am Mass with Blessing of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 6th April - 7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 7th April - 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 8th April - 8.30 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 9th April - 9.30 am Mass with renewal of Baptismal Promises
Sunday 9th April - 11.15 am Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Lent Masses – all KS2 children have celebrated Mass with Holy Trinity children during this time of Lent. Fr David has been very impressed with the children participating fully with the readings, offertory and serving on the altar.

CAFOD The Big Lent Walk – This year we will be raising money for CAFOD and Zoë's Place by completing our 'Big Lent Walk' this week. Zoe Bear visited school this week to walk with our nursery, reception and KS1 children, who also brought their teddies for the day. Although a wet day it did not dampen spirits for the Big Walk. Year 3 and 4 will complete their sponsored walk offsite this week. See our Twitter feed for more class news. Sponsor money will be collected before the end of term.

Online Safety Workshop for parents – Our school improvement partner, Paul Bradshaw, delivered online safety talks to our Y5 and Y6 parents. His presentation can be found on the class pages. Parents found this extremely useful in this current climate.

NSPCC Keeping Safe workshop - Our Year 5 children enjoyed a recent workshop from the NSPCC, which aims to empower and help children across the UK in preventing abuse and keeping children and young people safe.

2023 SATS information for parents – if you have a child in year 2, or year 6, they will be taking their National Curriculum tests (SATS) in May 2023. The tests are not qualifications and do not affect your child's future options, they are an opportunity to compare nationally, and an important tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support. Tests will run throughout May for key stage one. Due to the King's Coronation key stage 2 SATS tests will start on Tuesday 9th May. Please ensure your child is in school during this period, and on time. Thank you for your continued support.

World Poetry Day – This was a great success and a slightly different from World Book day Children had to dress up as a word and explain why! Some clever class poems were shared on Twitter. Well done to all!

Spanish Day – Our children are in full flow for our Spanish Day performance tomorrow. The rehearsals are going well and the children are excited to dress in their Spanish colours. Children are invited to wear the Spanish colours of red and yellow, and Spanish football kits are allowed on this occasion.

Uniform Survey- We will be sending out a further survey regarding changes to the school uniform. Please check ParentAPP next week and respond no later than 17th April.



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Liverpool Parenting Newsletter – Please see the following link to the Spring Edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter providing a wealth of information for parents and carers! [Parenting Newsletter - Spring 2023](#)

Health & Safety – For Health & Safety reasons, can you please ensure your child does not ride their bike or scooter whilst on the school premises, some of our smaller children have had accidents on their way into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Residential Incident – it has been brought to our attention from a member of the public that a parent from our school verbally abused and threatened a local resident whilst coming to school last week. The lady was very distressed following the incident, and after checking our CCTV the incident has been recorded and is available for the Police should the person wish to take this further. Please ensure that as parents we are courteous to our local community. Thank you to the majority of parents who are true ambassadors for our school.

Cross country Liverpool League – The last race of the Liverpool and District Primary Schools' Cross-Country League took place at Wavertree on Monday 27th March. What a fantastic season for all our team!

Cross Country City Championship – In addition to the primary cross-country league, we have also taken part in the City Championship cross country races, and what an outstanding performance by all! Our year 6 girls finished 1st and were presented with an award for Liverpool City Champions! Well done to Esme who finished first in the race!

Year 5 Boys Football - our year 5 boys football team recently finished in 2nd place in the LSSP City Championships which were held at the Liverpool FC Football Academy. They previously took part in a tournament to qualify for this so what a fantastic achievement! To say we are the 2nd best year 5 football team in the whole of the city is no mean feat! Well done to all who took part!

Congratulations – One of our year 5 pupils, Cassius, has represented GBR this week at his first international wrestling competition in Estonia. What a fantastic achievement to represent GBR and St Austin's. Read all about it in the next edition of 'Our School' newspaper!

Colomendy – Our year 6 children leave for Colomendy this Sunday. Please ensure that you are at school at 12.00pm. Please leave your child's suitcases at the bus stop on Darby Road with two members of staff. The children will register in KS2 hall.

End of term – School will close on Thursday 6th April for the spring break at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Tuesday 18th April.

Dates for the diary

31st Mar - Spanish Day
2nd-5th Apr - Y6 Residential to Colomendy
6th April - School closes for the spring break 2.15pm
18th April - School opens for the summer term 8.55am

Kindest regards,

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Headteacher



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